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Chief Harry Ainsworth and the Kelley Hill murder A3



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Deck the halls with boughs of holly A5



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Coach of the Year: Brian Schell B1W

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## School Committee receives update on DESE

By LIZZY HILL  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — During the School Committee meeting last Wednesday night, they received updates about goings on at the high school, COVID-19, and the end of year report, among other timely topics.

Wilmington High School senior Angelyn Ciampa opened with a high school update. She described the NEASC visit and students in National Honors Society and the mentor program giving tours, WHS Lamp-lighters putting on Clue, the DECA power trip, and Spirit Week.

She reported two out of the 12 DECA students being recognized for their performance. In sports, the fall season ended with girls varsity soccer in the second round of the playoffs and cross country winning the division championship. The football team and marching band ended their seasons at the Thanksgiving game.

The committee approved the finalized Superintendent Goals from the previous meeting, which were: the respective high school and middle school program reviews, the change of school start times, and the MSBA process for the new Wildwood school.

In his report, Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand mentioned the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education updated their Frequently Asked Questions section to say that students age 5-11 will no longer count as close contacts once they're fully vaccinated.

He reported that the current COVID-19 positive cases in town to be 153, with a majority being school-aged children.

"Earlier this evening, we learned that we have 40 students who have tested positive since Sunday," he said.

These were mostly students in grades 3-6. Not only has this had an impact with close contacts in school; he said it's also led to quarantining some youth sports teams.

He went on to share that it's the belief of the Board of Health this is due to people in the community letting their guard down with mask wearing and other suggested mitigations from the CDC. He reminded those in the audience the importance of everyone doing their best to keep numbers down.

School Committee member M. J. Byrnes asked how the district was keeping up with contact tracing. Brand responded that the need increased, and he hopes that the nurses who have been out on leave will be

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## It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

▲ A full house on the common. Even our dear State Senator Bruce Tarr (bottom left) is out there cheering Santa on!

► From the Wilmington Christmas parade, Santa and Mrs. Claus with the elves, Grinch and kids. From left are Rob Charbonneau, Laurie Kwiatkowski, Sharron Merrill, Karen Grabowski, Jenn Kwia, Mrs. and Mr. Claus Renee and Rick Keen. The two young ladies are Emmie and Myah.

(photos: BruceHilliard.com)



## Wilmington Public School student well-being concerns

By LIZZY HILL  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Director of Student Support Services Alice Brown-Le Grand, Coordinator of Behavioral Health and Social Emotional Support Christine Murray, and Coordinator of Special Education Services Soula Bousios reported on student well-being concerns to the School Committee during their meeting last Wednesday night.

Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand started by explaining the intent of the district to be transparent with the struggles that staff, school administration, and families have been enduring.

Brown-Le Grand stated one thing that has been clear from the last few years, which was that the pandemic had ongoing effects on everyone

in terms of resources, stress, and consistency. She said she knew that there were concerns during their recent presentation of the Panorama data to the committee. She also said that the American Academy of Pediatrics had declared student mental health a national emergency in October.

Some data that they referenced came from Wilmington Substance Abuse Program Coordinator Samantha Reif. This said that behavioral health calls for students in crisis increased. In September, the police department received 10 calls for suicidal/idea-tion plans or ideas. Reif also recorded an increase in substance abuse and the effects of trauma.

More issues they're noticing on a higher than usual were grandpar-

ents raising grandchildren and children having to care for parents or other children.

Murray specifically mentioned police and fire response to activity in the school district rising dramatically. She said these calls were mostly due to behavioral issues, mental health crises, and violence. She counted over 30 emergency psychiatric crises at school in 56 days in school.

She also saw an increase in involving the Department of Children and Families, with issues involving homelessness and group homes. She suggested that increased conduct difficulties like bullying and dangerous behavior were the result of students not being able to cope or regulate their emotions.

She also brought up the

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## Wilmington Substance Abuse Coalition expands to deal with behavioral health

By CASSIA BURNS  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Recently, the Wilmington Substance Abuse Coalition (WSAC) was selected to receive grant funding from the Salem Five Charitable Donation Foundation.

WSAC was started in 2012 by town employees looking to increase awareness and education surrounding substance abuse. Since its creation, WSAC has held numerous educational programs, as well as sparked tangible change as to how substance abuse is locally combated.

Notable accomplishments since its launch include the start of the yearly September vigil to remember lost loved ones of OD/substance use disorder and cele-

brate individuals in recovery, the implementation of LifeSkills training within Wilmington Catholic Religious Education, and providing Mental Health First Aid to the community.

In 2017, WSAC's current Health & Recovery Coordinator Samantha Reif was hired. Upon beginning the position, she, alongside the rest of the coalition, worked to define the organization's long- and short-term goals.

"Throughout the years the basic mission has remained the same — education and prevention, resources and support; the players might have changed and the identified issues might look different, but the underlying goals are the same," said Reif. "We

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## Wilmington Library News:

## Upcoming holiday programs at the library

## Adult Programs

## WCTV LIVE

(with audience):

## A Gathering of Celtic &amp; Christmas Concert

Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2:30 p.m.

Enjoy the music of talented multi-instrumentalist Jeff Snow, who plays and shares the stories of the music of Scotland, Ireland and England. This concert features Celtic, Christmas, and holiday tunes. Limited to a live audience of 10 at the WCTV studio.

## VIRTUAL

How to:

## Make Holiday Craft Cocktails

Tuesday, Dec. 14, 7 p.m.

Join Sam Treadway, owner of backbar in Somerville, for a demo of wonderfully festive cocktails to enjoy for the holiday season.

## VIRTUAL

## 50+ Job Seekers Networking Group

Wednesday, Dec. 15, 9:30 a.m.

Join us in a professional forum for networking with peers in a safe and comfortable environment conducive to developing new relationships and developing skills and strategies to help in your career transition. Meetings include a presentation and hands-on workshop on topics relevant to career transition, guest speakers, access to hiring managers, small group breakout rooms to network, and 1-on-1 coaching guidance. This week's topic is Personal Branding.

## VIRTUAL

## Decked out for the Holidays

Wednesday, Dec. 15, 7 p.m.

Enjoy the beauty of magnificently decorated conservatories and mansions and beautifully lit gardens

during the holiday season in this virtual presentation! Includes Longwood Gardens, Winterthur, Blithewold, Heritage Museums and Gardens, and others.

## INDOOR

## Novel Ideas

Thursday, Dec. 16, 7 p.m.

Enjoy reading fiction? Join the library's fiction book group led by Adult Services Librarian Erin Driscoll. Please stop by the library to pick up a copy of the featured book. Featured Book: The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett

## INDOOR

## Needleworkers

Friday, Dec. 17, 10 a.m.

This is a social group for those who do any kind of needle craft. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy a little conversation and camaraderie — drop in. Everyone welcome!

## VIRTUAL

## Poetry Circle

Saturday, Dec. 18, 9:15 a.m.

Do you enjoy writing poetry? Want input on your work? If so, this group is for you. Led by local writing enthusiast, Barbara Alevras.

## Youth Programs

## VIRTUAL:

## SAT, ACT, or Both?

Saturday, Dec. 11, 11 p.m.

Tune in to The Princeton Review's live virtual session to understand the truths and misconceptions, similarities and differences, and the strategies that improve scores on the SAT®, the ACT®, or both. Grades 9-11

## VIRTUAL

## D&amp;D

Saturday, Dec. 11, 3 p.m.

Interested in finding out more about this fantasy tabletop role-playing game,

or looking for a group to play with? Join DM Michaela for a virtual campaign! Grades 6-8

## INDOOR

## Read to Thor

Thursday, Dec. 16, 5 p.m.

Come read to Thor, a beautiful dog who loves to listen to kids read! Sign up for one 15 minute session per reader.

## Book Store Next Store, 183 Middlesex Ave.

Open Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Shop discount books! Paperbacks for \$1 and hardcovers for \$2.

The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Library and all proceeds help support library programs. Gift certificates available and make great gifts for the holidays!

## WML In-Person Programming

## WML Virtual Programming

The library continues to offer a variety of virtual events. Please note that registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link. Go to [wilmlibrary.org](http://wilmlibrary.org) to register or call 978-658-2967.

## Library Opens at 1 p.m. Dec. 10

The library will open at 1 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 10 due to a morning staff meeting.

## News and notes from WCTV

Hello friends and neighbors! Here's what's going on at WCTV!

## WCTV'S WILMINGTON WINTER WONDERLAND GREETING CARD FUNDRAISER!

The holiday season is fast approaching! Stop by and pick up your pack of specially crafted greeting cards at the station. These beautiful cards were created by local artists that depict the Town of Wilmington as a WINTER WONDERLAND! One set of five cards = \$15, Two sets of cards = \$25, Three sets of cards = \$32. Cash or check accepted. These keepsake cards feature the artwork and photography of WCTV's Don Leard, Wilmington's Niki Jamieson, Wilmington's Kenneth Ward, Jamie Boudreau and Ashley Nicole Martin. To order, email Lisa Kapala at: [lisa@wctv.org](mailto:lisa@wctv.org) or call WCTV to stop by and pick up your set at (978) 657-4066. Limited stock so order fast!

Meetings covered by WCTV:

Monday, Dec. 13 Board of Selectmen 7 p.m.

View on: Verizon channel 37, Comcast channel 9 and Verizon channel 38 and Comcast channel 22.

Wednesday, Dec. 15 School Committee 7 p.m.

View on: Verizon channel 37, Comcast channel 9 and Verizon channel 38 and Comcast channel 22.

WCTV is located at: 10 Waltham Street, Wilmington

Office Hours by Appointment: (978) 657-4066

Questions about WCTV? Contact [info@wctv.org](mailto:info@wctv.org)

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▲ Lou Cimaglia paying his respects to Joyce Brown.



▲ Peter, Aaron, Barbette and Joyce Brown.

## Dedication to those KIA/MIA and Korean War veteran Bob Brown

This past weekend, the Department of Veterans Services with the help of the Wilmington American Legion, VFW and very generous donations from many Wilmington residents were able to place a Christmas wreath on all the Killed in Action and Missing in Action Crosses at the Veterans Lot at Wildwood Cemetery and the two War Memorials on the town common.

Also, they dedicated a new bench in honor of Bob Brown. Brown was a veteran of the United States Navy during the Korean War. After his Honorable discharge, Brown raised his wonderful family in Wilmington and was very active in the veteran community in Wilmington for many years.

The bench is placed in the Memorial Park on Main Street and Silver Lake and was constructed



▲ On the shores of Wilmington's Silver Lake, dedicated to Robert Brown, US Navy Rank SN Seaman. Korea. (all photos: BruceHilliard.com)

ed and installed by Wilmington resident and United States Army veteran Scott Audette.

"As I always say, I am extremely proud to say I'm from our beautiful little town for so many reasons, not because of

the land or even where we are located in these great United States of America, but because of the people like Mr. Brown and Scott Audette and all the good people that do great things every day," said Veterans Services

Director Lou Cimaglia IV. The Department of Veterans Services in Wilmington would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

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## It's Your Money

by Todd Brisbois



## WHAT HAPPENS AFTER A DISASTER THAT LEADS TO TAXPAYER RELIEF

No matter how devastating a disaster is, before the IRS can authorize any tax relief, FEMA must issue a major disaster declaration and identify areas qualifying for their Individual Assistance program. Following are some ways the IRS often offers tax relief after a major disaster strikes:

The IRS gives taxpayers more time to file and pay. Taxpayers whose address of record is located in an area identified by FEMA for their Individual Assistance program will automatically receive extra time from the IRS to file returns and pay taxes. The IRS's disaster assistance page provides disaster updates and links to resources. Information is usually available on the IRS Twitter account as well. Taxpayers can also call the agency's disaster line at 866-532-5227 with questions.

Taxpayers can qualify for a casualty loss tax deduction. People who have damaged or lost property due to a federally declared disaster may qualify to claim a casualty loss deduction. They can claim this on their current or prior-year tax return. This may result in a larger refund.

People can apply for a disaster loan or grant. The Small Business Administration offers financial help to business owners, homeowners and renters. This help is for those in a federally declared disaster area. To qualify, a taxpayer must have filed all required tax returns.

Taxpayers might need a tax transcript to support their disaster claims. They can obtain free transcripts by using Get Transcript to access their transcripts immediately online or to request mail delivery. They can also call 800-908-9946 to request mail delivery or submit Form 4506-T, Request for Transcript of Tax Return.

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History:

# Chief Harry Ainsworth and the Kelley Hill murder case

By LARZ F. NEILSON

In 1929, Harry Ainsworth, chief of police in North Andover, just wanted to get away from the politics. He resigned, moved to Wilmington and went to work in Currier's Market in Wilmington Square.

Two years later, Wilmington Chief Walter Hill died, and the Wilmington selectmen appointed Ainsworth to be chief.

The Wilmington Police Dept. was quite small. The station was in the Square in a house with two store fronts on the first floor.

The selectmen, as an economy move, cut the funds for cleaning the police station, but that didn't faze Harry.

Every now and then, he would announce to his officers that next Saturday would be a "field day."

That didn't mean getting a basket full of goodies and heading to the country for a picnic — it meant instead the donning of dungarees and rubber boots for a good, old fashioned spring cleaning, with plenty of soap and water.

Maybe Harry's boys didn't think much of the idea, but they didn't squawk. For right there, in dungarees and boots, was Harry himself, scrubbing away with the best of them. The U.S. at that time was still under Prohibition, and some of his early work involved liquor raids. There were a couple of bank robberies. And then in October 1934, there was a murder on Kelley Hill.

The victim, shot in the back, was still alive when Chief Ainsworth arrived on the scene, but he died before he reached the Tewksbury Hospital. He had no identification and the tags had been cut from his clothing.

Chief Ainsworth found a watch nearby, still running. It had been sold three months earlier to Louis Girgo, of Boston's North End.

Two important clues came from Burt Froton, a rookie officer, and Louis Elfman, a gas station proprietor. Froton had seen a large car, an Auburn, come through the Square. He wrote down the license number.

The car, with five men in it, stopped at Louie's gas station. After buying gas, the driver asked Louie to check the brakes. The men left the car and walked over the Shawshen Avenue bridge. Louie also wrote down the license number.

The location of the watch and the body indicated the direction of travel. In a line going back up the hill, there was a boarded-up shack. Inside, there was a hangman's noose suspended from a beam, and a table with five pairs of white gloves. This showed that it was a premeditated murder.

The newspapers played the story up as a "gangland slaying." But it turned out to be a matter of jealousy. Girgo had taken up with the ex-girlfriend of another man.

Ainsworth went to East Boston, along with two state police lieutenants. At the address given, they found the Auburn. As the police crept up the stairs, voices came from the second floor, offering a toast in an Italian dialect, to

the death of Luigi Girgo.

When the police crashed in the door, one of the men said, in the dialect, Don't say anything. They'll never be able to prove anything.

You're under arrest, said one of the lieutenants, in the same dialect.

One noteworthy story involving Chief Ainsworth was a raid on the Pinemere Restaurant in North Wilmington. It was set in a large antebellum Italianate house built in the 1850s that was foreclosed in 1939. It was then bought at auction by two local women, who opened a restaurant. It was in a private, somewhat obscure location. Yet on a Wednesday night in April 1940, there were 75 patrons at the Pinemere.

There must have been an incredible menu or some other attraction to draw that many people.

The Boston Globe reported that police raided the restaurant, arresting eight persons, four men and four women, for participating in or allowing an indecent performance.

Chief Ainsworth had ar-

rived at the restaurant about 9 p.m. with six state troopers, one local officer and a detective from Lawrence. But there was a doorman who would not allow them to enter.

So the police waited, attempting to peek inside despite the shades being drawn. Two and a half hours later, there was an intermission. The door was opened and the police went in.

They arrested the restaurant manager, the director of the show and six others. Wilmington did not have adequate lockup facilities, so the men were taken to Woburn and the women to Reading.

Not much is known of their fate in court, but the Globe reported that a 22-year-old man told the judge he had just been playing the harmonica.

Ainsworth served as Wilmington police chief for 16 years.

At the time he was appointed, Wilmington had four police officers. A decade later, there were a dozen, including several special officers. The 1946



▲ Former Chief of Police Harry Ainsworth, 1960 (TC file photo)

Town Report lists the chief, deputy chief, one sergeant and two officers, plus 36 special police and two police women.

He resigned in 1947 after being appointed probation officer in Woburn District Court. He never moved from Wilmington, retiring at the end of 1959. He died in May 1961.

After his death, the selectmen voted to name a road after him. Ainsworth Road is the old railroad bed of the Salem and Lowell Railroad, off Andover Street. The town purchased it to provide access for an industrial plant. A town water main was installed. But then a snafu was discovered. The town manager had neglected to record the deed in the Registry of Deeds, and the ownership reverted to its previous owner.

60 years later, it remains a private road.

## The library offers more than just what's on the shelf

By NICOLE GOOLISHIAN  
Assistant Library Director

Throughout the shelves of our library there is a vibrant world of books, films, CDs, video games, board games, and more chock full of interesting stories to capture your imagination. But, the adventures found within your library don't end with these shelves.

In fact, there is a wealth of fun, learning, and enrichment to be found within the dozens of programs hosted by the library each month. To learn more about these events in question we spoke with some of the staff members on the TPL team responsible for making these programs come to life and would like to share what's in store for you when you attend a library program.

To start, Emily Leggat, our resident teen librarian, hosts weekly programs for teens in grades 6 to 12 both virtually and in the dedicated teen space at the library. Teen interests are at the heart of the programs Emily creates as she keeps a community perspective in mind and looks closely at current interests and teen feedback on what they'd like to do or learn about.

Emily explained that "teen interests are constantly changing and evolving so professionally, it makes sure the department is up to date on the latest and greatest."

This includes college talks, virtual gaming, paint nights, and more featuring an emphasis on teen requested events. Emily said her favorite part of programming is "watching teens get to enjoy something they're passionate or proud of and share it with others. Watching their joy come to life is contagious."

Just across the first floor from the teen space, beyond the Front Desk, is the entrance to the Children's Room; a room filled with wonder for children from as young as a few months to middle school.

Kat Lewin, Children's Librarian, is always cooking up something exciting for kids to enjoy. Kat describes children's programming as "entertaining and also educational" including "story times for kids from birth to age 5, crafts for young and elementary-aged children, and reading dogs for independent readers."

Something new Kat is hosting virtually are crafts for middle school aged children in grades 5 through 7.

"My favorite part of pro-

gramming is seeing all the kids enjoy themselves. They show me the crafts they've made — they're so creative — and tell me how they enjoyed a book club or a cooking lesson," says Lewin.

Currently, in-person story time takes place on Monday and Tuesday mornings in the first floor meeting room.

Just a click away on our website you'll find a variety of virtual programs throughout the month that cover wide-reaching topics of interest and provide support for job seekers, genealogy enthusiasts, and creative writers as well as entertaining explorations on travel and cooking and educational insight into current events.

Robert Hayes, Community Outreach Librarian and Head of Technical Services, said: "there is a strong demand for library programming in Tewksbury — now more than ever."

The library's adult-centric programming also acts as a social outlet where Robert has witnessed the community coming together.

"I think there is a social component to library programming that is important, especially as we're coming out of a pandemic where so many residents, particularly seniors, were

isolated for so long," said Hayes. "I've watched friendships form at our concerts. I've seen couples on dates at our film screenings. I've witnessed people who haven't seen each other in years re-connect at a lecture or author visit."

Winter may be fast approaching in New England but in the world of library programming, staff are thinking about all things summer. That's right, planning for the Summer Reading program in 2022 is well underway and staff are working hard to put together an exciting series of programs surrounding the theme of "Read Beyond the Beaten Path."

All things outdoors are coming up this summer at the library so stay tuned for more information about those and many more exciting programs for all ages and interests. Emily emphasized that the 2022 theme "allows us to really explore adventure, getting outdoors, and the experiences and stories that we can find there."

It sounds like we are in for another exciting summer here at the library and staff are looking forward to these new adventures in programming!

Coming up during the month of December, Emily, Kat, and Robert are

hosting some festive programs including a Gingerbread House Contest for adults, children, teens, and families. Participants are asked to create an edible construction at home and drop their creation off at the library's meeting room on Friday Dec. 17 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Many programs hosted at the library are generously sponsored by the Friends of the Tewksbury Public Library. Their fundraising efforts help bring these programs to life. To learn more about the Friends please visit their website

at <https://friendstplibrary.org/>.

Have any questions about library programs present and future? We're here to answer them! Please visit our website at [www.tewksburypl.org](http://www.tewksburypl.org) or call us at 978-640-4490. Our events calendar is full to the brim with programs every month. Be sure to visit <https://www.tewksburypl.org/home/pages/calendar> for more information.

Library hours are Monday through Wednesday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m., Thursday and Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Sunday 1 - 5 p.m.

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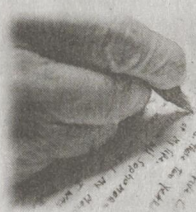
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# OPINION



## Letters to the editor

### Issue with tying new senior center to new town hall

Dear editor,  
In a scene from the Mel Brooks movie "Blazing Saddles," an old woman, being punched and kicked mercilessly in a shop doorway, turns to the camera and cries out plaintively, "Have you ever seen such cruelty?"

Well, yes ma'am, I have. It was at the Senior Center Building Committee meeting held on Nov. 30. In that meeting Town Manager Jeff Hull announced that he was planning to create a single warrant article at Town Meeting for BOTH a new senior center and a new town hall/school administration building.

Why? Well, as he explained, he was aware that the town hall project did not have the "cachet" of a new senior center and, therefore, would not be as popular. By tying it to the senior center, it would have a greater chance of passing Town Meeting.

In other words, if seniors want a new senior center, we'd better be prepared to cough up the money for a new town hall/school administration building. In my neighborhood that's called "extortion."

To add insult to injury, the town's representatives (Mr. Hull; Selectman Greg Bendel, a member of the Senior Center Building Committee; and Selectman Kevin Cairn, a member of

the audience) were strong advocates for the senior center to be built at the site of the current Town Hall. This would mean the new town hall would have to be built first, then the current Town Hall razed to accommodate all the construction around the new senior center.

Although the architects said it was possible to create an active construction zone to build the senior center at the Glen Road site while the current Town Hall and the ballfields were all still functioning, none of the many seniors in the audience believed that. Do you?

Besides that, there's a consensus among seniors that the St. Dorothy's 7+ acres would be a much better location. The new senior center could be built while both the current senior center and Town Hall stay open for business. The St. Dorothy's site was also the Senior Center Building Committee's unanimously preferred location for the new senior center. However, the Board of Selectmen seems determined to keep the senior center away from St. Dorothy's. It's almost as if there's a plan for that site that we, who paid for it, don't know about. In Blazing Saddles, it was the railroad.

Debra Russo  
Wilmington

### Santa thanks the children of Wilmington

To the editor:

I wanted to let your readers know that for the 49th year, I was invited by the Recreation Department to spend an evening with the children of Wilmington.

Karen, Marilyn, and Brett had an area in Town Hall decorated and set aside for me, and Jim was there to welcome the children as they arrived for our visit. I look forward to these special moments with the children, receiving their lists and seeing just how much they have changed since last year!

I would like to thank Ellie, Owen, Reverie, Lillia, Tyler, Emmy, Ava, Cameron, Carson, Logan, Braeden, Jade, Lyla, Ayla, Rylye, Kendyl, Isabella, Michael, Sophia, Adrianna, Joey, Jordan, and Tori for setting aside time to visit with me.

I will take back fond memories of each of you and will share your good wishes with Mrs. Claus and everyone back at the North Pole.

Sincerely,  
Santa Claus

### Papa selected as peer mentor at Univ. of Vermont

BURLINGTON, VT — Katrina Papa of Tewksbury class of 2022 is serving as a University of Vermont College of Nursing and Health Sciences peer mentor for the 2021-22 academic year. Known as "LINKS," mentors provide first-year students with friendship, guidance and a connection to the UVM community.

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Letters must be e-mailed by noon on Monday in order for consideration the same week's edition.

### Careless drivers a major issue

## Highways become dangerous at peak travel times

By PAUL ANDREWS

If you happen to make it on the highway from a short breakdown lane into a travel lane before a big trailer truck comes charging down on you, you gather your patience and try to enjoy a ride on any of our highways locally. The problem comes especially in the 7 a.m. - 9 p.m. window locally on I-95 when drivers seem to act like they are heading to Foxborough to make the opening kick-off of the Patriots.

Driver signals seem to be shut down as it seems like a giant free-for-all especially when you are coming near an exit ramp to another major highway. Crossing lanes in these hours, vehicles (drivers) seem oblivious to the fact that other folks share the roads and have a right to obey the laws of the road.

What scares me most on the highways are the contents of the vehicles including an armed militia of recent note, heavy duty equipment strapped on a trailer, oversized boats filling up the back of a pick-up, vacation equipment attached to the roof of a car and even rusted cars/trucks on flat-

beds heading to a junk yard somewhere as scrap metal or used parts.

While I am absolutely certain that the state and local police are on the lookout for many of these issues, in no way can you totally stop this problem from ending in accidents, injuries and deaths when you see some of these situations that I am sure you all have seen over the years.

**SALES ON — DECORATIONS UP** seems to be the marching orders after the Thanksgiving turkey is gone. Most important, many churches in the Town Crier area have begun to plan their spiritual activities in this period of COVID-19 when our people are coping with second shots, boosters and a new variance that has made its way into Massachusetts.

Local churches have had to be cautious for the past year and a half on making sure decisions were made on when masks had to be worn and not worn for the safety of all. This all has been so complicated for local church officials but handled well with guidance from public health experts.

These same concerns

pertain to store owners who want customers to be safe while shopping, making sure that store ventilation and safety is of prime concern plus the availability of masks for those in need. All of this takes time and extra effort as we face a very different type of holiday season because of the pandemic that hopefully is winding down even as we deal with the new variance.

For most folks "cautious optimism" seems to be the phrase most use in talking about the current situation around us with hope that better days are ahead including the very special coming holiday activities.

**SOME MORNING PULSE EXTRACTIONS** include the following: Shopping — more expensive this year; Supreme Court will probably end affirmative action in higher education; FBI launches cybersecurity boot camp for students; Number of Americans giving to charities declined to 49.6 percent; Latinos face largest increase in Alzheimer's related illnesses; US has never tried a comprehensive approach to mental health care; Life-

style behaviors influence risk of Parkinson's Disease; Investors buying American; Small businesses lifted by return of summer tourists; As food prices soar, big agriculture is having a field day; Pandemic threatens mental health care workers worldwide; Venture capital companies spending billions of dollars on green technology; France mandates COVID health passes for dining and travel; proposed legislation aims to make long-term care insurance more affordable; Private colleges are economic engines for Maine; Disney to move thousands of jobs from California to Florida; Wearable technology helped athletes prepare for the Tokyo Olympics; Climate change poses risk to real estate investments beyond the coasts; Housing boom is over as new home sales fall to pandemic low; and Doctor's worry that memory problems after COVID-19 may set the stage for Alzheimer's.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** PLEASE CONTINUE YOUR E-MAILS AND COMMENTS TO [andrews@massupt.org](mailto:andrews@massupt.org)

### Local events in December and beyond

Mail a letter to Santa!

A letter to Santa should be placed into an envelope with a postage stamp, and sent to 123 Elf Road, North Pole, 88888. Don't forget the return address — be sure to write it clearly and include an apartment number if applicable. Drop it at the Tewksbury post office by Dec. 10, 2022. For more info visit [uspsoperationsanta.com](http://uspsoperationsanta.com)

Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021: Holiday Open House, Habitat for Humanity Re store, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., 100 Chelmsford Road, Billerica

Sunday, Dec. 12, 2021: St. Williams Christmas Tewksbury Interfaith Choir Concert, Main Street, Tewksbury, 7 p.m. Masks required. Please come and enjoy the music of the season in a socially distanced environment.

Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2021: 100 People Who Care Tewksbury Q4 Giving Event, Tewksbury Country Club, free. 6 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 18, 2021: Collins Center, Andover, The Nutcracker ballet. Three performances - afternoons and evening. [www.danceprism.com](http://www.danceprism.com)

Buddy Basketball

TBBL's Buddy Basketball program is back in action this season! Debuted in 2019, Buddy Basketball is a program in which athletes with cognitive and physical challenges partner up with TBBL players and adult volunteers.

Buddy Basketball will be held on Sunday afternoons at 1 p.m. beginning on Jan. 9, 2022 and concluding on March 13, 2022. There will be no sessions on Feb. 13, 2022 and Feb. 20, 2022.

There is no cost for participating in Buddy Basketball, but everyone that wants to participate is required to register at [tewksburyboysbasketball.org](http://tewksburyboysbasketball.org). If there are any questions, please contact Diego Monteiro at [dmon-teiro6363@gmail.com](mailto:dmon-teiro6363@gmail.com).

### Middlesex Concert Band presents free indoor Christmas concert

**WAKEFIELD** — Its that time of year again. Time for Christmas Carols and memorable songs. This year our Christmas Concert is on Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021 indoor at the Americal Civic Center in Wakefield.

Christmas music always holds a special place in our hearts. This year, we are performing such works as Gesu Bambino, A Christmas Intrada, Stille Nacht (Silent Night), Jingle Bells Swing, A Most Wonderful Christmas, Angels of Joy, The Eight Candle, Go Tell it on the Mountain, Over-ture to a Winter Festival, Nativity Carol, as well as the beloved Sleigh Ride.

Music Director Mark Olson selected a compilation of favorites from various cultures and time periods. We enjoy playing this music and performing it.

The Middlesex Concert Band is a nonprofit community band based in Wakefield that regularly performs concerts in

Wakefield and surrounding communities, striving to bring affordable entertainment to all.

Originally founded in the 1950s as a marching band, the group later evolved into a concert band which gave its first performance in the spring of 1975 at Memorial Hall in Melrose. Since then, it has become one of the area's outstanding community musical organizations, performing in various indoor venues from September through June and presenting a number of free outdoor concerts during the summer months.

This years Christmas Concert is going to be at the Americal Civic Center, in Wakefield on Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021 starting at 7 p.m. Tickets will be available, but only for seating purposes. Masks are required for attending.

For more information about the Middlesex Concert Band, go to [www.mcbconcertband.org](http://www.mcbconcertband.org).

### Book Stew Review 'Leave the World Behind' by Rumaan Alam

By EILEEN MACDOUGALL

Dystopia meets environmental disaster meets Twilight Zone. This frightening novel starts out with a quietly nondescript Air BNB vacation in the Hamptons and ends in a bang and a whimper.

A quintessentially wealthy white Brooklyn family, with two professional parents and two mildly discontented children, are enjoying their stay when a knock at the door in the early morning reveals an older Black couple, the Washingtons, who are the owners of the home and are fleeing from a black-out in Manhattan, where they would have faced a climb to their 14th floor

apartment.

Everyone's disconcerted by the mashup of owners and renters, and then cell service disappears. What follows is a mysterious cavalcade of major and minor disasters, pointing vaguely at military actions, floods, and deaths from thirst, all unbeknownst by the house's inhabitants but hinted to the reader.

It's strangely compelling and frightening as the entire outside world becomes unreliable and tendrils of terror creep into the isolated sanctuary.

Quotes: "You can't get through life dismissing the incomprehensible as divine."

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# Lifestyle



## Deck the halls with boughs of holly this season

By **HEATHER BURNS**  
News Correspondent

**T**is the season to deck the halls, and how dismal would our holiday decor be without the traditional and lovely presence of the Christmas Holly.

Thomas Oliphant first wrote the beloved Christmas carol "Deck the Halls" in 1862, singing the praises of the holiday festivity of decorating the home with boughs of holly, but the tradition and symbolism of the crimson-berried evergreen dates back much earlier than the mid-19th century.

Holly was considered a sacred plant by the Druids (the Druids were an educated class of the ancient Celts that existed as early as the 3rd century). The Druids appreciated the Holly plant, as it remained strong and green during the harsh winter weather, while other plants would wilt and die.

Because of its strength and tenacity, Holly was regarded by the Druids as a symbol of fertility and eternal life, and thought to possess magical powers.

To cut down or kill a Holly tree was considered bad luck, but hanging branches, or boughs, of Holly in the home would bring good luck and protection.

It was the belief that the sharp edged leaves of the Holly branch would fend off evil spirits and witches when hung on doors and windows.

Ancient Romans also held Holly plants with high regard in connection with Saturn, the God of agriculture and harvest.

Romans would deck the halls with boughs of Holly during the festival of Saturnalia.

So the question remains, how did these symbols of Celtic and Roman beliefs translate into present day Christmas celebrations?

Early Christian calendars refer to Christmas Eve as



▲ Traditional wreath of holly and the boughs of holly have been a symbol in many cultures, as well as a beloved tradition of the Christmas celebration.

"Templa Exornatur," which translates as "churches are decked." This is one thought as to why Christians adopted the decking of the halls with Holly from the Druid and Roman traditions, which also took place in the early winter.

The symbolism was changed to reflect the Christian beliefs, and so a tradition began.

It is a common Christian belief that the red berries of the Holly plant represent the blood of Christ that was shed on the cross during the crucifixion of Jesus.

The Holly's pointed leaves represent the crown of thorns worn by Jesus before he died. This belief is exemplified in the early 19th century song by Andrew Perterson, "The Holly and the Ivy." The well known lyric of this classic Christmas carol states "Of all the trees that are in the woods, the holly bears the crown."

The Holly plant has certainly passed the test of time, as it is still an important modern day Christmas tradition.

Today, Holly (a.k.a. Ilex Aquifolium) comes in over 200 varieties,

and is grown mainly in North America, Europe and Asia.

Depending on the variety, Holly plants can grow anywhere between six and 130 feet tall.

Although certain varieties of Holly are deciduous, most are evergreen, keeping their glossy green leaves year round.

Holly plants prefer well drained soil, and can thrive in both full sun and shady locations.

When considering planting Holly in your yard, keep in

mind that the Holly plant is dioecious, meaning the male and female reproductive structures are found on separate male and female versions of the Holly plant.

Both male and female plants will bloom white flowers in the late spring, but only the female plant can produce the iconic bright red berries that the Christmas Holly is known for.

In order for berry production to occur, a male plant must grow near a female plant for the process of pollination to take place. This means you may want to consider adding both a male and female plant to your garden if you would like to enjoy a show of wintertime red berries.

The beautiful red berries of the Holly are not only a prominent ingredient of holiday decor, they are also a source of food for many wild birds. However, consumption of Holly berries by humans and domestic pets, such as cats and dogs, can be toxic and result in nausea and severe stomach cramps if ingested.

This should not be cause to boycott Holly from your holiday decorations, but if it is a concern, simply remove the berries from any decorative holly in your home. The bright green or variegated white and green Holly leaves will still add depth and tradition to your holiday display.

As the Thomas Oliphant song reminds us, "Fast away the old year passes," this most wonderful time of the year will be gone before we know it.

This year, enjoy the holiday season with the natural beauty and historic tradition of the Christmas Holly added to your holiday decorations. Once the decorating is complete, you can sit back and enjoy the holiday ambiance while enjoying a Christmas egg nog.

After all, as the song clearly states, 'tis the season to be jolly!"



▲ Tewksbury Town Hall is decked out with pine roping, balsam wreaths, and planters for the holidays. The Tewksbury Garden Club's ACE committee worked to have everything ready for the holiday tree lighting on the common last Friday night. (Paige Impink photo)

## Garden Club ACEs it

By **PAIGE IMPINK**  
News Correspondent  
paige@yourtowncrier.com

**TEWKSBURY** — The Tewksbury Garden Club has been busy the last few weeks getting the town buildings decorated for the holiday season. The ACE committee — Action Committee for the Environment — is a subcommittee of the Garden Club, and is charged with maintaining the many gardens and planters around the town municipal buildings.

According to Eleanor Denault, co-chair of the committee, 11 balsam wreaths have been decorated and put up around the town, including on the door of the fire station and at the town hall. Pine roping was draped around the front steps of town hall for the town common tree lighting ceremony, and

planters have been festooned with greenery and decorations at the library and town hall annex.

The ACE team is busy year 'round, tending to the war memorials on town common, working at Muster Park, maintaining the plantings around the Mico Kaufman Water statue at town hall, and keeping the lilies at the front of the library neat and tidy.

The committee has also taken on landscaping around the town center digital sign, and works to have all the perennial plantings refreshed for Memorial Day activities in the spring. The group has participated in creating a special themed tree the Festival of Trees at the Tewksbury Public Library, though for the second year in a row the event will not take place due to COVID-19 concerns.

Denault said that other subcommittees of the Garden Club visit Blaire House of Tewksbury to provide craft programs for residents, and another team heads over to Bayberry at Emerald Court. The club has an Arbor Day committee which presents a program about the history of Arbor Day to the fourth graders in Tewksbury and provides each student with their own sapling to plant.

The Education Committee worked on the town's rain barrel program and raised awareness about composting.

"We are an active group and we are always looking for new members," said Denault.

The ACE committee alone has 15 members. To learn more about the Tewksbury Garden Club, contact them at [www.tewksburygardenclub.org](http://www.tewksburygardenclub.org).



## Merry Christmas

*What's happening in December*

### BREAKFAST AT TEW-MAC

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS ONLY

9 to 1

STARTING 12/11 & 12/12

*at the Tew-Mac Tavern*

### SANTA DAY

SUNDAY 12/12

1 to 3

*Santa flies in at 1 pm weather permitting*

SANTA, COOKIES, MILK & MORE

*Free Event - Reservations not required*

*at the Main Clubhouse*

TEWKSBURY COUNTRY CLUB  
1880 MAIN STREET TEWKSBURY MA





LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY  
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **December 16, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **Jessica and Collins Dibia** for a variance from Section 4130, Appendix B, for front and side yard setbacks and a special permit under Section 3651 to increase the existing non-conforming structure, of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to construct a second story addition shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **19 Kent Street**, Assessor's Map 57, Lot 131, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at [www.tewksbury-ma.gov](http://www.tewksbury-ma.gov). Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org).

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Said property is located at **1058 Chandler Street**, Assessor's Map 43, Lot 29, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at [www.tewksbury-ma.gov](http://www.tewksbury-ma.gov). Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org).

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LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY  
CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

Request for Determination  
of Applicability (RDA)

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **December 15, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. at Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street** for a RDA application filed by **Gora Banerjee** for the demolition of an existing dwelling. The proposed work may be within the buffer zone of bordering vegetated wetlands.

The property subject to this work is located at **55 Memory Lane**, Assessor's Map 89, Lot 38.

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at [www.tewksbury-ma.gov](http://www.tewksbury-ma.gov). Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org).

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BOARD OF APPEALS

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Said property is located at **34 Bay State Avenue**, Assessor's Map 96, Lot 15, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at [www.tewksbury-ma.gov](http://www.tewksbury-ma.gov). Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org).

Nancy Rego, Chair  
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LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY  
CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

Restoration Plan

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **December 15, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. at Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street** for a proposed Restoration Plan filed by **Hancock Associates of Marlborough, Massachusetts**. The Restoration Plan is being filed in response to a previous Enforcement Order which was issued due to unpermitted activity within regulated wetland resource areas.

The property subject to this Restoration Plan is located at **1022 South Street**, Assessor Map 109 Lot 4.

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at [www.tewksbury-ma.gov](http://www.tewksbury-ma.gov). Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org).

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TOWN OF TEWKSBURY  
CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

Request for Determination  
of Applicability (RDA)

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **December 15, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. at Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street** for a RDA application filed by **Michael & Katie Rametta** for proposed removal of several trees and/or branches. The proposed work is located within 100-feet of wetlands.

The property subject to this application is located at **40 Secor Way**, Assessor's Map 34, Lot 115.

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at [www.tewksbury-ma.gov](http://www.tewksbury-ma.gov). Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org).

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY  
SELECT BOARD

SALE OF TOWN PROPERTY PURSUANT TO  
THE GENERAL TOWN BY-LAWS, CHAPTER 3.12, SECTION 3.12.010  
And MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 40, SECTION 3  
And MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 30B, SECTION 16

The Town of Tewksbury will be accepting sealed Bids for the sale of vacant Town property. Bids will be for individual parcels as follows:

Address	Map/Block	Assessed Value
97 Florence Ave	94/102	\$227,000
Rebecca Lane	106/11	\$38,900
Rebecca Lane	106/12	\$35,800
Water Street	106/18	\$37,700
Water Street	106/19	\$36,200
283 Pleasant Street	46/2	\$265,800
Maryland Road	81/140	\$145,100
Boisvert Road	44/125	\$147,800
Cart Path Road	104/1	\$174,800
Birchwood Road	86-11	\$153,600
New York Road	81-183	\$39,400

Bids for each parcel shall be received by the Town of Tewksbury c/o Town Manager's Office, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876; and at the time and place specified below; the Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Date of Sale: Friday, January 7, 2022; Time of Sale: 11:00AM; Place of Sale: Town Hall, 1009 Main Street Tewksbury, MA 01876. For information pertaining to each parcel's bid, please contact the Town Manager's Office at 978-640-4300. The Town of Tewksbury reserves the right to reject any and all bids if it be in the public interest to do so.

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LEGAL NOTICE



THE COMMONWEALTH OF  
MASSACHUSETTS

MASSACHUSETTS  
DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION –  
HIGHWAY DIVISION

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC  
HEARING MEETING  
Project File No. 607327

A Live Virtual Design Public Hearing will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed Main Street/Route 38 Bridge over MBTA tracks project in Wilmington, MA.

WHEN: 7:00 PM, Wednesday,  
December 15, 2021

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Bridge Replacement, W-38-002, Route 38 (Main Street) over the MBTA railroad. All views and comments submitted in response to the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of replacing the existing 2-span reinforced

Concrete bridge structure over MBTA Railroad on Route 38 in Wilmington. A permanent utility bridge will also be built parallel and beside the proposed bridge. As this project is located inside a future Route 38 roadway reconstruction project the cross section will match with one 11-foot lane each way, 5-foot shoulders each way for bicycle accommodation and one 5-foot sidewalk on the western side. The new bridge will be a single span and will be constructed using accelerated construction methods to reduce traffic disruption. A detour will be required during construction.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisitions will be presented in the hearing.

Project inquiries, written statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking may be submitted to **Carrie E. Lavallee, P.E., Acting Chief Engineer**, via e-mail to [dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us](mailto:dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us) or via US Mail to Suite 6340, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: **Major Projects**, Project File No. 608929. Statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be emailed or

postmarked no later than ten (10) business days after the hearing is posted to the MassDOT website listed below.

This hearing is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (e.g. interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, live captioning, videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), TTD/TTY at (857) 266-0603, fax (857) 368-0602 or by email ([MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us)). Requests should be made as soon as possible prior to the meeting, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten business days before the hearing.

Access to this Live Virtual Design Public Hearing, the recording or a cancellation announcement will be published on the internet at [www.mass.gov/massdot-highway-design-public-hearings](http://www.mass.gov/massdot-highway-design-public-hearings)

JONATHAN GULLIVER  
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR  
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2021-15 12/1,8/21

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FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate  
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10-U Commerce Way  
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CITATION ON PETITION  
FOR ORDER OF  
COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

Docket No. MI17P5589PM

Estate of: Josephine A. Linton

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by: **Jeffery Quinn of Waltham MA** requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/15/2021**.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: November 17, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro,  
Register of Probate  
211523 12/8/21

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF  
RESOURCE AREA  
DELINEATION (ANRAD)

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. at Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street** for an application filed by **Civil Design Consultants, Inc.** for an ANRAD application. The ANRAD application seeks to confirm the boundaries of several wetland resource areas including Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW) and Bordering Land Subject to Flooding (BLSF).

The properties subject to this ANRAD application are 1167, 1177, & 1187 Main Street (Assessor Map/Lot 61-1, 61-105, and 61-107, respectively), in addition to 42 & 44 James Street (Assessor Map/Lot 60-4 and 60-6, respectively).

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at [www.tewksbury-ma.gov](http://www.tewksbury-ma.gov). Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org).

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LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY  
CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI)

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **December 15, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. at Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street** for an NOI application filed by **BSC Group, Inc.** The NOI application proposes maintenance and improvements along the J162 Transmission Line Right of Way, which will occur within Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW), the wetland buffer zone, and Riverfront Area.

Properties subject to this NOI application are located along the electric utility Right of Way which extends from the Tewksbury Substation (Assessor Map 35 Lot 4) toward Ouloughlin Drive in a westerly direction into Lowell, MA.

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at [www.tewksbury-ma.gov](http://www.tewksbury-ma.gov). Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org).

Joe Fontaine  
Conservation Agent/Planner  
211535 12/8/21

LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF  
MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE AND  
FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate  
and Family Court  
10-U Commerce Way  
Woburn, MA 01801  
(781) 865-4000

CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI21P6116EA

Estate of: Janet M Graves  
Date of Death: 09/04/2021

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by: **Frank P Graves, Jr. of Tewksbury MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Frank P Graves, Jr. of Tewksbury MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/27/2021**.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED  
ADMINISTRATION UNDER  
THE MASSACHUSETTS  
UNIFORM PROBATE  
CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: November 29, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro,  
Register of Probate  
211533 12/8/21

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S  
SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Irene Riley, William D. Riley to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., dated July 26, 2006 and recorded in the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 20346, Page 210 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to The Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the certificateholders of the CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-15, recorded on September 30, 2011, in Book No. 25295, at Page 196

for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 9:00 AM on December 29, 2021,

on the mortgaged premises located at 2A Cedarcrest Road, Wilmington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

The land shown as Lot 17A on a "Plan of Land in Wilmington, Mass. Owned by Margaret T. Riley, Scale: 20 feet to an inch- December 6, 1993, Robert E. Anderson, Inc. Reg. Professional Engineer professional Land Surveyor, 178 Park Street, P.O. Box 265, North Reading, Mass." which plan is recorded at Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds at Plan Book 187, Plan 14 to which reference is hereby made for a more particular description of said Lot 17A.

Being the same premises conveyed to the herein named grantor(s) by deed recorded with the Middlesex Registry of Deeds in Book 13803, Page 138.

"The Grantor(s) expressly reserve my/our rights of Homestead and do not wish to terminate my/our Homestead by granting the within conveyance

notwithstanding my/our waiver of such homestead in the within mortgage"

For mortgagor's(s)' title see deed recorded with Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 13803, Page 138.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The

balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

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### Female Athlete of the Year; Winter Team Sports Previews

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## Wilmington

# SPORTS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2021

## Town Crier's Coach of the Year: Brian Schell

### Third time in five years of the award

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WILMINGTON - In sports, whenever an athlete or a coach strives to do something that no one else has ever done, it's always a big deal. Or at least it is in the Town Crier's eyes.

Back in 2016, Brian Schell was named the paper's Coach of the Year after he guided the girls indoor track team to its first undefeated season and first league title in program history.

In 2018, Schell won the award for the second time in three years, after he coached the boys cross-country team to a third place finish at the Division 2 All-State Meet, the best performance from any Wildcat team since 1974. The year before in '17, he coached the team to its first ever All-State appearance.

Now three years later, Schell is the Town Crier's Coach of the Year for the third time in five calendar years - not counting last year as there was no award due to COVID. In the 27 years, Steve Scanlon has won it six times and now Schell is the runner-up with three, while three others have won it twice each.

All Schell did this calendar year was lead the outdoor girls track team to a 5-0 record including the program's first ever league championship and then about five months later, he guided the girls' cross-country team to a 4-2 overall record, which included being in a three-way tie for first place in the Middlesex League Freedom Division. That was also the first league title of any kind in program history. Several weeks later, thanks to a fourth place at the sectional meet, the Wildcats qualified for the All-State Meet for the first time in program history, finishing ninth in the state for Division 2.

In his three seasons of coaching the girls Fall-2 and Outdoor Track teams, as well as cross-



Back in June, the 28-member Wilmington High School Outdoor Girls Track-and-Field team captured the program's first ever league championship title, taking the Middlesex League Freedom Division with a 5-0 record. The team is coached by Brian Schell (front row middle) and one of his assistants Don Wilson (to his left), while the other assistant Joe Patrone is missing from photo. Schell also guided the girls cross-country team to a historic season, reaching the All-State Meet for the first time in program history. (courtesy photo/Sue Kulis).

country, the teams combined for a 14-2 record and won two league titles.

In five years, Schell has coached four different programs to historical seasons.

Certainly, that's big in anyone's eyes.

"Brian has done a great job with the cross country program and with the girls track program," said Athletic Director Mia Muzio. "He is knowledgeable and skilled, enjoys what he is doing, and is truly dedicated to the sport. You can tell that the kids love to run for him and that he makes it an enjoyable experience for each of them. I am excited to see the future for our cross country and girls track programs."

Schell's passion for cross-country and track are second to none. He truly loves coaching and it doesn't matter to him if the team is 0-5, 1-4 with losses all coming from the final event of the day, or 5-0 with a league title. He's been Mr. Consistent ever since he started as an assistant coach back

in 2010, before eventually becoming a three-season (four team) coach.

"I don't look at wins all of the time, especially in this sport because it's individual first and I tell them that as an individual, you need to get yourself motivated and out there doing the work especially in the off-season," said Schell. "That's when you can start aspiring and being a support system for your teammates and that's how you start building up a team. Clearly over the years, a lot of people have stepped up and have been putting in the work in the off-season. They know that I stress that a lot with both the girls and the boys, especially in cross-country."

"You'll have your seasons of having losing records, but at the same time, kids will have their personal records, they'll have their individual moments and that's what it's most about. At the same time over the last couple of seasons, we have really turned things around in terms of the team so it's definitely



showing that everybody's work is paying off. The culture of the program that these kids have built and all of the support from one another is just phenomenal."

Back in the cold winter months, the Wildcats indoor track team competed outside as part of the Fall-2 season. Wilmington had just 21 members on the team and came away with a very impressive 4-1 record.

Less than two weeks later, with warmer temperatures, the same 21 kids, along with seven newcomers were back on the Frank Kelley Track to make history.

"I remember saying at the beginning of the season that we had the versatility (to win a league championship). We had the depth, we had the talent and we had the team to do it. I knew that I could put a lot of kids in a lot of different events. I believed that they could all step up and they did. Whatever we needed, the girls did," he said.

Besides the 5-0 record

and the league title, Wilmington went on to have its best finish ever at the Middlesex League Championship meet taking fourth, and followed that up the next meet with a fourth at the sectional meet.

After a brief summer break, Schell was back to coach the girls and the boys cross-country teams. With the addition of Shea Cushing, who put down her field hockey stick for her running shoes, the 'Cats made magic once again. The team finished 4-2 overall, the first loss was to large school opponent Arlington, and the last was on a terrible Melrose course. The loss on that day meant that Wilmington ended the season in a three-way tie for first along with Melrose and Wakefield. Several days later at the league championship meet, the 'Cats again finished with a program best fourth place, which was better than both of those teams.

Schell was asked about taking home two league titles in a matter of five months.

"I know it meant a lot to all of us when we won for the first time during that indoor season, so certainly these two titles mean a lot to all of us now. It's good because it shows you that the kids trust your coaching, they trust your training, they trust you and everything that you are doing to help them improve, and they look up to you, which is great."

"I know that I can't do it by myself obviously. (Outdoor Track assistant) Coach (Don) Wilson does a tremendous job with the throwers - we had the discus throwers winning the state relays, we had the shot put throwers qualifying for the state meet. I remember Amie Russell throwing in the low 20s when she started out and then was throwing 33 feet by the time she left. He's done a lot for the throwers and I definitely can't thank him enough."

"I also can't thank Coach (Joe) Patrone enough with his work

with the high jumpers. When we won the league indoors for the first time and I had no one who cleared opening height and shot put, we got swept in every meet in those two events and now with his work you have several kids qualifying for states, be league all-stars, be top three in the league, so he's just done a phenomenal job as well. Between both of them, I can't thank them enough for helping me, teaching me about the events that I'm not as familiar with."

Over the years, Schell has admitted that he's less stressed and a bit more at ease during practices and meets and that's difficult at times as he's always on the go.

"I'm more calm now because of the athletes that I have, especially this senior class. I have eleven of them and they all do a lot for me. When they were freshmen, I knew right away that this was going to be a strong crew. I knew I could trust them all, and every day the captains take care of what needs to be done. I know that all of the kids put the work in and that allows me to not stress about it (as much)," he said.

Schell jokes that he's 35 years old, single and still lives with his parents, but regardless of his age and his personal life, he continues to prove that not only can he coach, but he can coach with the best of them.

"I wouldn't change this for the world. I tell these kids that they are my family. They trust me, they support me, they are here for me just like I'm here for them and because I love this sport so much whether it's cross-country or track, I wouldn't give it up for the world. It just goes with the attitude that these girls have and it's just phenomenal that I have such a great group of athletes to work with, especially these last few years."

## Town Crier Coach of the Year

Year	Coach	Sport
2021	Brian Schell	Girls Track & Girls C-Country
2020	(No Coach Named - COVID-19)	
2019	Rob Mailey	Boys Tennis
2018	Brian Schell	Boys Cross-Country
2017	Craig Turner	Football
2016	Brian Schell	Girls Indoor Track
2015	Leanne Ebert	Field Hockey
2014	Aldo Caira	Baseball
2013	Steve Scanlon & Sue Hendee	Boys Hockey & Girls Soccer
2012	Steve Scanlon	Boys Hockey
2011	Steve Scanlon	Boys Hockey
2010	Al Costabile	Shawsheen Football
2009	Jodi MacKenzie	Field Hockey
2008	Steve Scanlon	Boys Hockey & Boys Soccer
2007	Jim McCune	Boys Basketball
2006	Jay Keane	Girls Basketball
2005	Joe McMahon	Girls Hockey
2004	Bob Almeida	Football
2003	Sue Hendee	Girls Soccer
2002	Jim McCune	Boys Basketball
2001	Mike Pimental	Wrestling
2000	Steve Scanlon	Boys Hockey & Boys Soccer
1999	Steve Scanlon	Boys Hockey
1998	Dick Scanlon	Baseball & Boys Soccer
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1996	Bob Almeida	Football
1995	Jim McCune	Boys Basketball
1994	Paul Lyman	Softball

Coach of the 2010-'19 decade: Steve Scanlon Boys Hockey & Boys Soccer  
Coach of the 2000-'09 decade: Steve Scanlon Boys Hockey & Boys Soccer  
Coach of the 90s decade: Paul Lyman Softball



# After 14 years in wrestling program, McKenna steps down

## Spent seven years as head coach

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WILMINGTON - For the past 14 years or so, Joel McKenna has poured his heart-and-soul into the Wilmington High School wrestling program. He spent the first six years as a volunteer assistant and then became the head coach before the 2013-'14 season, first on an interim basis, before officially taking over the following season.

Recently, McKenna decided it was time to let Peter Mitchell, who was a previous longtime assistant coach, a chance to pour his heart-and-soul into a program he is so passionate about as well, as McKenna officially resigned as the head coach.

He said there were three big reasons into making this tough decision.

"One reason is the family piece. My two sons are both in school and they are doing more and more things so it's time for me to help out more at the house," he said. "They are doing more things on the weekends so I would like to spend more time with my family."

"I'm also taking classes to wrap up my Master's Degree in Athletic Administration so that's going to take up a chunk of time and I should be done with it by this time next year, but starting in January I'll be taking some classes. Looking at the second part of my career in the next twenty years or so, what am I going to do next? It's a degree that will hopefully help me get a (different) job in a field that I know I'll truly enjoy."

"The third reason is my professional career now. I'm an Academic Intervention Specialist for ninth grade students at Lincoln-Sudbury High School and school doesn't get out until after 3:15 every day, and I don't get out until after 4 o'clock,

so the time restraints around the position that I'm in that he really restricts any time that I can spend in Wilmington. That wouldn't be fair to the kids."

"I run an after school program for kids coming out of Boston, tutoring them twice a week until 6:00 so two days right there, I wouldn't be able to get to wrestling practices or meets. That's not fair to the kids, it wouldn't be fair to the other coaches for them to constantly have to pick up my slack."

Including the interim season, McKenna finished with an overall meet record of 69-88, which included sharing a Middlesex League Freedom Division title in his first season. His teams won ten or more matches four times in his seven years, including 14 in his first year and then a 12-11 mark in 2017-'18.

Besides the team results, he also was on hand for a lot of terrific individual results. He coached four league champions with Andy Lesperance, Louie Larffarello, Fox Maxwell and Paxton Cook. There were four sectional champions including Joe Ganley twice, Larffarello and Maxwell, while five other grapplers finished second at the sectionals including Nick Troy, Shane Penney, Nick Kullman, Luke Vitale and Maxwell.

At the state level, there were seven wrestlers who placed in the top eight, including Ganley and Maxwell (second), Maxwell (third), Maxwell, Sam Jennings and Tom Gorman (seventh) and then Penney (eighth).

Finally, McKenna coached four wrestlers, who reached the 100-win plateau in their careers including Jennings, Maxwell, Ganley and Penney. Both Ganley and Penney accomplished it

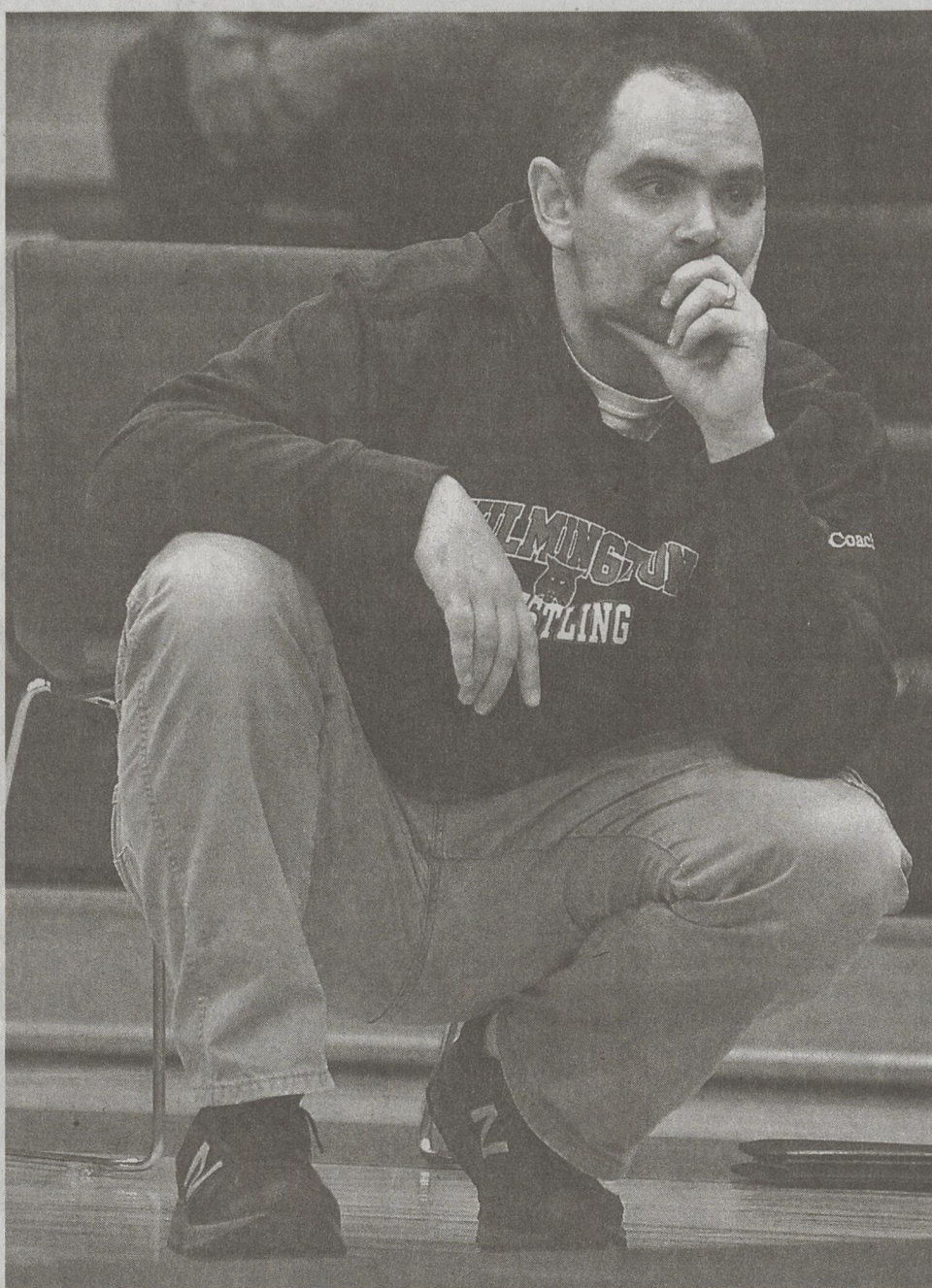
during the abbreviated spring season under then interim coach Evan Walsh.

"Obviously the state finalists that we had with Joe Ganley and Fox Maxwell (were top memories). Watching those two wrestle was a highlight. We had Shane Penney and Stephen Smolinsky, so watching those guys grow and become amazing high school wrestlers towards the end of their careers and that was awesome, too," said McKenna. "Some of the victories that we had were also memorable. Beating Melrose after they were coming off a state championship. Winning the Middlesex League title was another highlight."

"We also had some teams that didn't win a lot of matches, but we saw some kids that you wouldn't think make it for one reason or another, and they put stuff together and qualified for the post-season meets during their senior years. Those were some amazing moments, too."

At the time McKenna was named head coach, he was the fourth in the program's history, following Mike Nee, Tom Aylward and Mike Pimental, who guided the program to 192 wins, while coaching seven wrestlers (one multiple) to state championship titles.

"Being able to coach with Mike Pimental was far and away the most rewarding challenging, but the best thing that's ever happened to me professionally," said McKenna. "That's without a doubt. Getting a chance to learn from him, having him show me the ropes, having him make fun of me, being able to learn everything that I could from him and having to take everything that he taught me that I have taken with me personally and professional-



Joel McKenna served as the WHS Wrestling coach from 2013-'14 to the 2019-'20 season. He took the abbreviated COVID-19 season off due to conflicts as the girls lacrosse coach at Bishop Fenwick, and now has elected to resign so he can spend more time at home, plus conflicts with his professional job. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras).

ly, that's been my biggest highlight. Just being the guy who was able to follow him (as the next head coach) and keep up the expectations that he taught us as student-athletes and then on his coaching staff, that was far and away, the biggest highlight that I can take away."

"Working with the other coaches is another highlight. They all have been fantastic. Pete Mitchell, who will be the next head coach, CJ Semartis, Kevin Riley, Evan Walsh,

Andy Lesperance and some of the other former wrestlers who came back after they graduated just to help out for a day or two or just enjoyed being back with the program, so being surrounded by so many amazing people was just fantastic. Being able to help build the family that Wilmington Wrestling is all about, that was another highlight."

McKenna added that he will be on-hand for a few matches this season, will help out when he can

including running the annual Sons of Italy tournament.

"I first connected with the program as an assistant before becoming the head coach," he said. "There have been so many great memories that I'm going to take with me and they are lessons that I'll take with me for the rest of my career, whether I'm in Wilmington just helping out the program in the future, or whatever the case may be."

# New Coach a familiar face with the program

## Peter Mitchell returns after 20 seasons as a former assistant coach

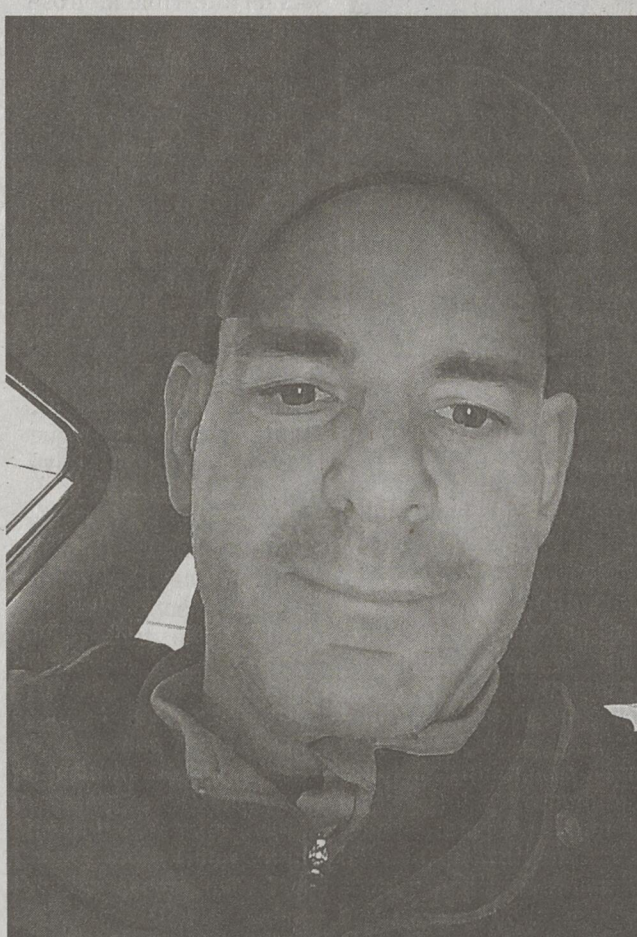
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WILMINGTON - Over the last handful of years, across the board in many high schools, not just Wilmington, the turnover rate for varsity and sub-varsity coaches has increased dramatically. Finding replacements, who are qualified, who have experience and who are terrific with student-athletes are extremely rare these days. But in the case of Wilmington, it has struck gold when Peter Mitchell was named the new wrestling coach.

A former high school and collegiate wrestler, Mitchell spent about 20 years as an assistant at WHS, mostly under former coach Mike Pimental and then with Joel McKenna.

Recently McKenna, who officially stopped coaching after the 2019-'20 season and Evan Walsh followed as the interim coach during this past abbreviated spring season, resigned and Mitchell will take over. He becomes the program's sixth coach following Mike Nee (1979-1993), Tom Aylward (1994), Pimental ('94-2013), McKenna ('14-'19) and Walsh, who will remain with the program and be Mitchell's top assistant.

"We are excited to have Peter Mitchell back at Wilmington High School. Peter is familiar with the program as a former assistant coach," said WHS Athletic Director Mia Muzio. "Peter has a great deal of knowledge



and cares about the success of the student athletes on and off the mat. We are excited to see how the year goes."

Mitchell came on board with Pimental in 1994 and coached through the 2003 season. In 2004, while working in the Methuen Public School system, he spent a season with the Rangers, but quickly came back to Wilmington the following year. From 2005-2012, he was still Pimental's top assistant but wasn't there as much as his first stint because he was a single father. He stayed on for the first two years under McKenna,

but then stopped because he changed full-time jobs.

"I got out of teaching for a while and I was working at Phillips Academy in the Athletic Department," he said about leaving Methuen after 16 years. "My schedule changed because of that job and I was there for about four years so I couldn't get back into coaching because of the time constraint. When I was just hanging around, I would always think about how much I missed coaching. I love coaching wrestling and I had bled the Wilmington Blue for so many years."

"Now I'm back teaching and I'm in Malden, teaching adapted physical education. I teach it to all ages and rotate through five different schools. Last year I was in Billerica teaching Health and was still at Phillips Academy, so this is my first year in Malden."

Before teaching in Methuen, Mitchell had a bunch of different roles at WHS, including being a substitute teacher, driving a van for the special needs students, and also spent time working with previous Athletic Director Jim Gillis. Throughout all that time, he watched his very close friend Mike Pimental completely turn the program around, which included the team winning its first ever sectional championship title, crowning seven state champions and one All-State champ.

"I don't know if I have different philosophies from other coaches, but I believe in hard work, the same thing that Mike believed in - hard work will get you the places where you want to go in the sport of wrestling," he said. "Hopefully we can have more of an offensive system and improve (while the wrestlers) are on top. I want the kids active offensively and create the action more so than wait for it. We used to dominate on top and Mike was so good teaching the kids that stuff and I learned so much from his philosophy on how to approach being on top position."

"I want to build a strong, solid program. My goal is to have a strong team again like we had in the past. I tell you that these kids on this year's team, they came to work. I'm so impressed with their work ethic and their desire to learn. The 20 years that I have been coaching, I'm just very impressed with the work ethic from these kids and I'm looking forward to the rest of the season and working with these gentlemen."

Mitchell grew up in Rhode Island, and before he spent three years on the Ponaganset High wrestling team, he spent some time in a family business.

"I worked on a farm while in Rhode Island. When I was younger, it was a cow farm. Then when I was in high school, we ran a farm so I remember before wrestling practice, we would have to go out and pick eggs at 5 and 6 o'clock in the morning. It had to be done and there was no ending with it. I remember saying to my mom, 'this just isn't for me'. I hated it," he said with a laugh.

After graduating from high school in 1986, Mitchell went to Springfield College, where he was teammates with Pimental and then two of them eventually landed in Wilmington.

"I want to thank (Athletic Director) Mia (Muzio) for giving me this opportunity," Mitchell said. "I've been very impressed with her and I

think she's going to do some great things here in Wilmington. I really do. She has some great ideas on helping the wrestling program grow. She also appreciates Joel and Evan for the work that they have done the last few years. Those were tough years (with COVID). Wrestling certainly took a hit as you can imagine."

While Mitchell has aspirations of the program growing, he like the high school kids he coaches, still has the butterflies.

"To be honest, I was excited but also pretty nervous. I'm getting more and more excited as we go along. I got the job just recently and I went into it blind as I didn't know any of these kids," he said. "I went into it very nervous to be honest because I had never been a head coach. I've always been an assistant and it's much easier being an assistant. I will say this, that I'm getting more and more excited each day. I'm very pleased with the kids so far, for sure."

Muzio added that McKenna and Walsh deserve a lot of credit for their time and service over the years.

"Joel McKenna will still be a part of the program in a volunteer capacity to help with the transition. Also glad to still have Evan Walsh as part of the program as the JV coach. Last year, Evan did a great job as the interim head coach and truly appreciate all of his dedication to the program."







# Former star athlete named new TMHS boys track coach

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TEWKSBURY - Ever since he has been named the Athletic Director, Ron Drouin has hired a lot of different coaches at the varsity level. He stresses the best candidate, but also like most other AD's, he's not afraid to hire from within, and takes great pride in hiring those who bleed Tewksbury colors.

So when the Boys Indoor Track coaching position became available once again, he didn't hesitate for a second to take a younger female candidate because high character people - who also have pages upon pages in their resumes - like Lauren Polimeno, certainly don't come around too often.

"I have always been a big fan of Lauren. I think she is mature beyond her age. She handled herself beautifully when she was here as a student-athlete. The way she interacted with her teachers, with her peers, the way she interacted with her teammates, she was always a high end athlete here and had every reason to not be a great teammate, but she always was a great teammate," said Drouin. "I have never seen her big-time anybody, she was always there to help her teammates and I'm sure that continued in college with the success that she had."

Polimeno, 22, who recently finished up her four years on an athletic scholarship at D1 Jacksonville University, becomes what's believed to be the third varsity coach, who was a former Division-1 collegiate athlete, following Brian Aylward (football/wrestling at Brown) and Peter Fortunato (track at UMass-Amherst).

She becomes the program's eighth coach in the past ten years, following Steve Levine, who retired after the 2011 season, and then Bill Meuse, Fortunato, Scott Vandermolen, Peter Molloy, Jake Cofer and Nick Parsons. Polimeno also becomes the first female to coach a boys varsity team, at least under Drouin's tenure.

(Assistant track coach)

Jill Paige has interacted a lot with our boys and has done a fantastic job, but as a head coach no we haven't had that in my time," said Drouin. "I'm excited for Lauren and I think this is a great opportunity. When I initially spoke to her about it, I loved the look on her face and her eyes, it was 'OK, let's go'. She knows it's a great challenge and she's all about going after that and I love that."

Polimeno indeed was an incredible three-sport athlete here at TMHS, more so in indoor and outdoor track, than cross-country. She broke numerous school and league records in a number of events, was the state pentathlon champion, and helped lead the Redmen track teams to many league and Eastern Mass Championship titles, as well as the program's first and only All-State Title.

"She's one of the more decorated female athletes that we've had here in a long time. You look at her resume and it's outstanding," said Drouin. "I see a highly qualified former student here, who is mature and who I think can handle the position at a young age. She's very knowledgeable. I love the fact that she can relate to those kids somewhat on their level from an age perspective, but I know that her maturity will never cloud her judgement. I'm excited for Lauren and I think this is a great opportunity for her. We are putting an elite qualified coach in a good position to move up and forward. I'm excited about having Lauren Polimeno here with us (on our coaching staff)."

Just like she did at Tewksbury, Polimeno made a big impact at Jacksonville. She had a number of big performances competing again in pentathlons, but if you ask her, the accomplishments are - and always have been - on the backburner.

"Honestly, the main thing that I took out of it is my teammates. I couldn't have made it through without them and I'm just very grateful for the teammates that I had," she said. "(The competition in college) was ten times more competitive than high school. In high

school you have the athletes that you were dealing with but for me, it's more about the kind of people that I'm dealing with. I really remember people by how I interacted with them and not how they performed. The people that I remember from the university are people that I was able to talk to throughout the competitions and had interactions with on social media and not the people that I necessarily competed with (or against). The same goes with high school. I could tell you the people that I talked to, but honestly for the most part, I couldn't tell you who was my prime competition unless I communicated with them as well."

Since graduating from JU with a degree in Marine Science and a concentration in Biology, Polimeno currently holds two jobs, a personal trainer at Tewksbury Sports Club and now a head track coach.

"The coaching and personal training has become my second passion and I'm very grateful that I am able to give back to the program that I had such a good experience with and that made such a huge difference in my life, so that's why I'm helping with the head coaching position," she said. "The group of boys that I have all seem to be such wonderful people so I'm super excited to get to know them better and I want to help them compete and help them to hopefully get personal records."

Polimeno was asked about coaching boys, and if that was ever a concern for her?

"Of course not. I'm honestly having a lot of fun. It doesn't matter to me who I work with just as long as they have a good attitude and are willing to put in the work. So far it seems like they do, so I'm very excited and fortunate that's the case because I know of some people who can't say the same about their teams so I'm very, very grateful for the attitudes that everyone has shown so far for the first few days of practice," she said.

Among the members of the team happens to be her only brother, Nick.

"We have a very good

relationship and I'm just so proud of where he has gotten himself and I'm excited to be the one who tries to help him get better in practice. We're very close and I also know that he will be a very good leader to help out the team. I'm just very grateful to be able to work with him," she said.

Polimeno will be assisted by Paige and former Tewksbury High athletes Cassie Froio and Maria Da Silva, while girls coach Fran Cusick and Fortunato, an assistant on both teams, will also be there to help.

In terms of coaching styles, Polimeno said that she is going to take a piece from all who taught her.

"Since I've had such an opportunity to work and compete for so many great coaches between the university and high school, I'm very grateful to have gone through a bunch of different coaching styles," she said. "The coaches at Tewksbury, the coaches that I had at Jacksonville have all made the biggest impact on me and I'm just most grateful to have had that opportunity to work with each one of them. I'm happy now that I have the Tewksbury coaches now as my colleagues. I know their advice to me when I was in high school and their advice to me now, has meant the world to me and I'm mainly basing my coaching style around theirs because it's the one that worked the best for me."

While Polimeno has the passion for starting her coaching career, she is not done with her academic career. During her sophomore year while at JU, she studied abroad for one semester in Italy.

"I was working with an Eco-Tourism Company and they give dolphin tours to fund their research, but they mainly do research on conservation, identification of the dolphins and the environment and the tourists with everything going on in the environment," said Polimeno. "A lot of people are just very unaware and I'm just very grateful to have worked with them. The supervisors are just some of the most wholehearted people that I have



Lauren Polimeno is one of the more decorated female athletes in TMHS history and she takes over as the new head coach of the Indoor Boys Track program.

(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

ever worked with. There's not a lot of funding that comes in for them and most of it goes to the research and we're all really dedicated to that, but they are so enthusiastic about helping the environment between improving the conditions and more importantly educating others on the situation because so many people just aren't aware."

Her plan is to go back there in the fall for two years and achieve her Master's Degree.

"I'm leaning towards doing something in the Environmental Consulting (Field) because I yell at people for messing up the environment anyways, so I might as well be paid for it," she said with a laugh. "I would like to work with animals and do biological research, but mainly my goal, as much as I love to

work with dolphins and animals, is to help the environment and that's going to be through education and research, and not necessarily playing with dolphins all of the time."

Until she goes back to Italy, Polimeno will have her hands full here in Tewksbury. She wakes up at 4 am every day to start job number one, before dealing with the track team in the afternoons.

"Honestly, (the long days) will be worth it. I'll give anything to give back to the Tewksbury program. I'm so grateful for what it did for me and the fact that everyone on the team has a good attitude, I'm just super excited to be able to work with them," she said.

## McCauley helps Deerfield take home NEPSAC Bowl title

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BROOKLINE/WILMINGTON - After making the decision to transfer from Wilmington High to the Dexter Southfield School in Brookline after his freshman year of high school, Joe McCauley was eager to get started on his football career in the highly competitive New England Preparatory School Athletic Council (NEPSAC).

He never got the chance of course, with the 2020 NEPSAC season being canceled due to COVID-19. For he and his teammates and other members of the NEPSAC, there was not even the consolation of a reduced "Fall 2" season that MIAA schools were allowed to participate in this past spring. All the budding star quarterback could do was bide his time and wait for his chance to play.

That chance finally came for McCauley and his Dexter teammates this past fall, and let's just say they made the most of their opportunity, powering their way to an 8-1 overall record, and wrapping up their season recently with a 46-35 win over Rivers in the NEPSAC Moose Curtis Bowl.

McCauley, now a sophomore, acknowledges that the waiting wasn't easy. But good things certainly did come to those who waited. Of course, McCauley didn't just wait around for his chance to play. He continued to work on his game, even

while unable to compete with his team.

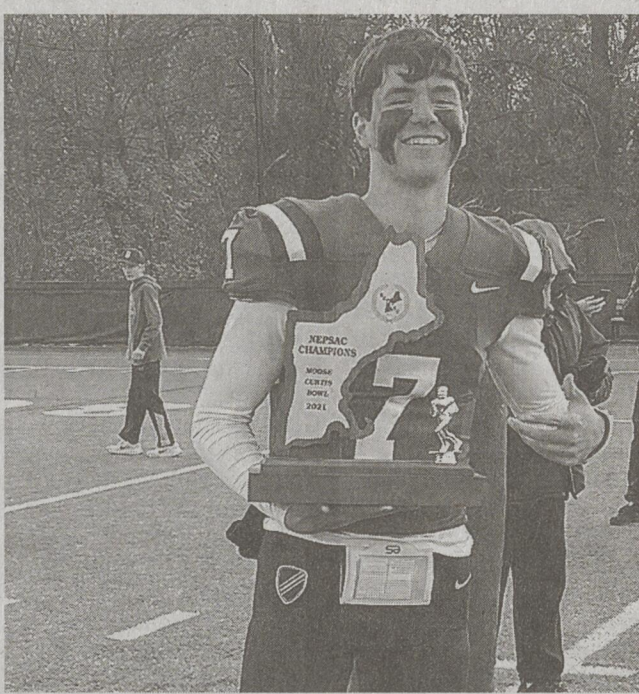
"It was tough to not be able to play, but there was nothing I could do but keep my head down and keep working," McCauley said. "So, I kept working with my quarterback coach and kept working out whenever I could. It was different, but I couldn't do much about it. I couldn't wait to play."

That seemed pretty obvious once the season got underway, as Dexter dominated their opponents almost right from the start, outscoring their opponents 246-110 before putting up another 46-point outburst in their bowl game victory. As for McCauley himself, the young signal caller was nearly perfect on the season, throwing for 17 touchdowns and just one interception. McCauley completed 71% of his passes on the season (92-for-130) for a total of 1,591 yards.

But, as great as his season was, the 6'2, 185-pound college prospect deflected much of the credit for his success to his teammates.

"We all worked hard for the past two years, just waiting for the chance to play again," McCauley said. "We had a great offensive line, great backs and great receivers. All I had to do was execute. I knew we were really talented heading into the season, and when you are Dexter there are always high expectations because it is a great program, so I felt like we could have a good season."

McCauley most certain-



Wilmington resident Joe McCauley is all smiles after helping Deerfield capture the NEPSAC Championship title. (courtesy photo).

ly did have some talented teammates, including one of his offensive line teammates who is heading to West Virginia on a football scholarship and another who is headed to Penn, but McCauley was no passenger on this powerful locomotive.

"Joe was part of a sophomore group that was a big part of us winning the championship," said Dexter coach Casey Day. "Being around him from day one, I knew how good he could be, so I was not surprised with how well he did, but I was very pleased. Joe is a kid who loves football and puts everything into it. He is fully invested in our program, and there isn't another quarterback in New England I would

want other than Joe."

The bowl game victory over Rivers was obviously a tremendous way to end the season, with McCauley helping to lead an offense that nearly unstoppable all game long, but what made it all the more satisfying is that it came on the heels of their only loss of the season, a 13-10 heartbreaker the week before to their arch rival Pingree in a game that decided the Evergreen League title.

In that game, McCauley had led Dexter to what looked like the game winning touchdown drive with 1:26 left in the contest, capping 12-play drive with a ten-yard scoring pass from McCauley to junior Austin Hartsell for a 10-7 lead. But Pingree

stormed back to score the game winning touchdown with just eight seconds left in the game

Heartbreak couldn't begin to describe the feeling on the Dexter sideline and in their locker room. But rather than sulk, the set their sights on the task before them, namely Rivers in a bowl game for the NEPSAC Class B championship. Needless to say, their triumph in the Moose Curtis Bowl helped take away the sting of the heartbreaker against Pingree.

"It felt amazing to win the bowl game," McCauley said. "Pingree is our rival, so that was a really tough game to lose, so our goal all week was to bounce back and get a win. A lot of kids were really upset after the loss, but we realized that we couldn't worry about the past and we just focused on Rivers. Now that we won, we have the whole off season to celebrate."

While there will be plenty of time for celebrating this off season, McCauley is also looking forward what the next two seasons at Dexter hold for himself and his teammates as they look to continue the school's great winning tradition. While they will lose some key players, including the aforementioned offensive linemen, there is plenty of talent coming back over the next two seasons, and coach Day believes that McCauley is ready to lead his team to even more success.

"We have a good mix

coming back. We lose some very good players, but we also have some linemen that we are excited about and of course a quarterback we are excited about," Day said. "Physically and mentally, Joe is ready to play the position and he continues to work to improve. As a sophomore, he is already ahead of the curve. He has a great compete level and a passion for the game. The sky is the limit for him. He keeps developing every day, every week and every month."

As that development continues, there is a very good chance that McCauley becomes the next Dexter star to bring his game to the college scene. While it is still a long way off, McCauley does have his sights set on playing at the next level.

"My coach has been in contact with a few schools and I have been to some camps," McCauley said. I am definitely looking to play college football at the highest level that I can."

Day has little doubt that McCauley can do just that.

"Unquestionably he can play at the next level," Day said. "We have been out to a few camps and I have seen what he is able to do in those situations. Just like in games and practices for us, he competes very well in those situations. Another thing about Joe is that he is a great student athlete. As competitive as he is on the football field, he is just as competitive in the classroom."



# MacDonald enjoys successful season with UML Club Rugby team

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**LOWELL / TEWKSBURY** — It's a typical chilly fall afternoon and fans of American football are gathered in stadiums or in front of televisions to cheer on their favorite teams, occasionally hollering with delight as nearly two dozen large, powerful men slam into one another in bruising collisions.

Now imagine a similar group of athletes performing this same questionable enterprise without the benefit of helmets or pads of any type and you have what is known as the fine sport of rugby.

First established in England during the mid-1800s, rugby has many of the same elements as American football, where points are scored by carrying an oval-shaped ball to the opponent's end, as well as kicking it between posts. But the lack of protective padding and the lack of stoppages in play is where the two sports begin to diverge.

According to Tewksbury native Gavin MacDonald, who is currently a member of the UMass Lowell Rugby Team, there are other subtle differences, including the scoring rules.

"There is a lot to it but essentially we score by completing a Try, which is similar to a touchdown in football," he explained. "But unlike a touchdown, you don't earn points until the ball makes contact with the ground in the end zone."

MacDonald, a 22-year-old senior at UML, got his first taste of rugby upon arrival at Curry College nearly four years ago. A 2018 graduate of Tewksbury Memorial High School, he was a member of the basketball team as a freshman and sophomore but chose not to participate beyond the junior varsity ranks. MacDonald also dabbled in football and baseball at TMHS but didn't find his true athletic calling until reaching Curry. His introduction to rugby, as he recalls, was actually a bit comical.

"I knew rugby was a sport and they play it in places like Europe and Australia," he said. "But before I arrived at Curry, I had no prior knowledge of the game or how to play. So, I watched a few YouTube how-to videos and showed up at a scrimmage. When they decided to throw me in, I told the coach I didn't know how to play. It became a case of 'sink or swim.'"

While not formally recognized by the NCAA, college-level rugby in the U.S. is well-organized and is administered by National Collegiate Rugby (NCR). The divisional breakdown is similar to the NCAA, with a Division 1, 1A, 1AA, D2,

and small college. UMass Lowell rugby remains a club program after thirty-five years in existence but as recently as 2019, was a threat to top-10 varsity teams throughout the country and for a time, was in the mix for a chance at a national championship title.

Rugby has yet to garner much attention at the high school level in Massachusetts. Chelmsford, Belmont, and Marshfield are amongst the few towns to add the sport but it's only a matter of time before others will join. Club teams are gaining traction and Major League Rugby was recently founded in the U.S. The New England entry is the Freejacks and former N.E. Patriots Nate Ebner and Patrick Chung have ownership stakes. Games can often be viewed on NESN.

To the untrained eye, rugby looks like a highly-violent sport but according to MacDonald, there are specific rules and penalization in place to protect players from serious injury. Among others, a player can be reprimanded for tackling an opponent above the shoulder line.

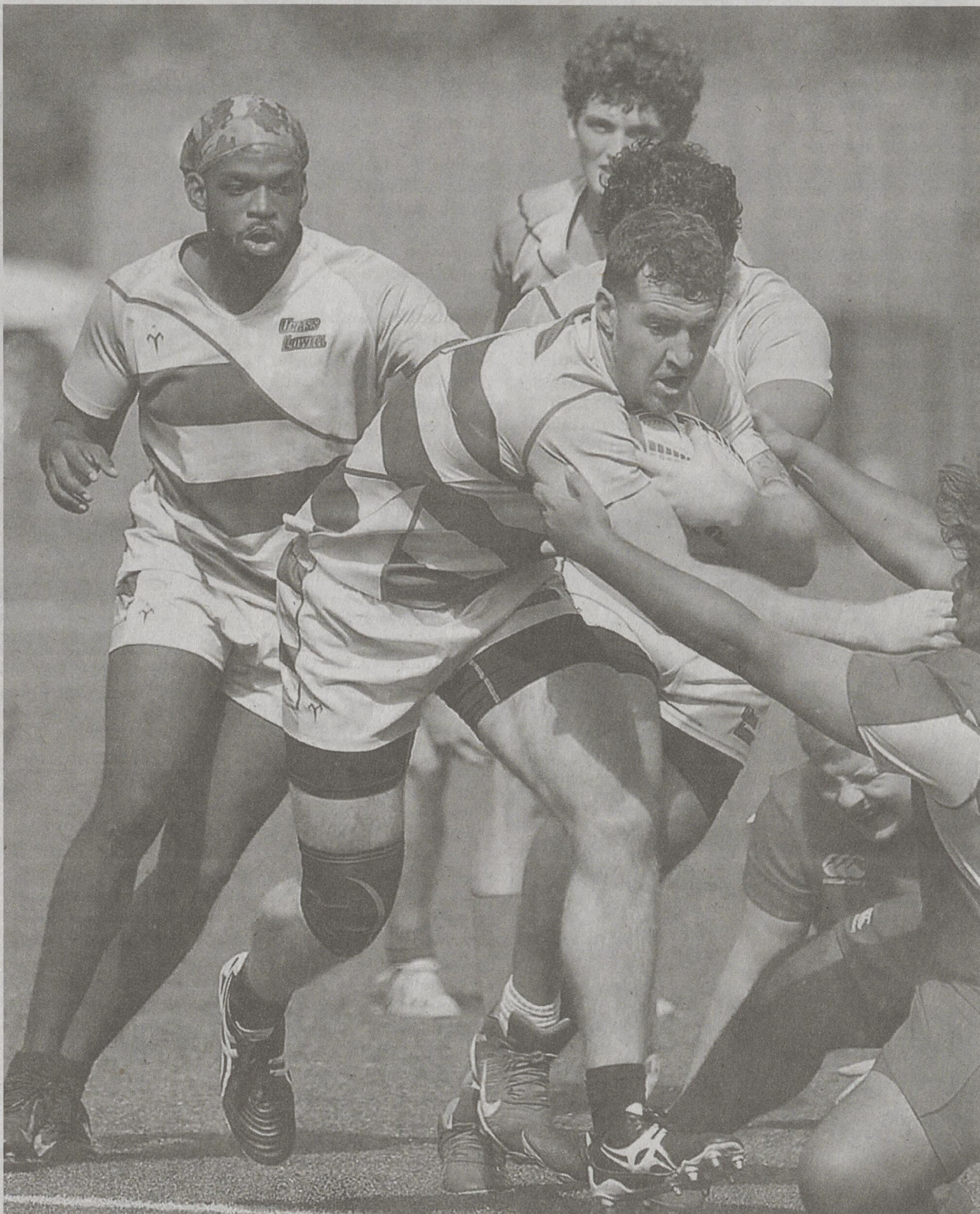
"During the game, the adrenaline is pumping and it's easier to play through pain," shared MacDonald, who as one would expect considering his athletic vocation, frequently lifts weights when he's not on the pitch. "After the game is over, certainly, you start to feel it. I'm usually covered with bruises from head-to-toe. Aches and pains are common for a day or two after games. Sure, there are concussions and strained muscles like in other sports, but rugby is no more or less a contact sport than football or hockey."

MacDonald has a loyal supporting cast, including parents Dan and Andrea, siblings Shelby (Tomic), Nolan, Mackin, Liam, and Seamus. He says his parents have been attending games since his Curry days, four years ago, but do not fully understand all the rugby ins-and-outs.

"They're still trying to figure out what is going on out there," he said with a laugh. "My dad has learned a few things but still describes rugby as trying to 'kill the man with the ball.'"

A typical rugby game is 80-minutes in duration, split in 40-minute halves. Each team fields fifteen players and for the most part, athletes are expected to participate for the entire time with little or no respite. The primary season takes place in the fall but according to MacDonald, there is a separate campaign that occurs in the spring.

"As opposed to the 15-on-15 format in the fall, we play 7-on-7 in the spring,"



Tewksbury resident Gavin MacDonald was a key member of the successful UMass-Lowell Men's Rugby team this past fall. (courtesy photo/Denise Sweeney).

MacDonald explained. "The halves are quick — only 7 minutes each — but the game is played at a higher intensity with more scoring because with fewer players, there's more room on the pitch."

MacDonald, who intends to pursue a career in finance management, would normally graduate next spring but instead, will be required to add a semester in the fall of 2022 to make up for lost credits during the Curry-UML transfer. When asked about the added time attending school, he didn't seem to mind because it will allow him to play one more season of rugby.

"Yeah, I will have the opportunity to play and I can't deny I'm pleased about that," said MacDonald. "My cousin played rugby at Merrimack College and told me how he had fallen in love with the sport and the culture that comes with it. After playing these past four years, I would have to agree with him."



There's plenty of physical contact and hitting in rugby, just ask Tewksbury resident Gavin MacDonald of the UMass-Lowell men's team. (courtesy photos/Denise Sweeney).



The Shawsheen's Varsity Cheerleading team pose with MSAA Sportsmanship Plaque at Worcester State University. The team includes front row from left, Capt. Ella Reardon, Gabrielle Malandain, Emma Fitzgerald, Capt. Bianca Garofalo, Capt. Jade Kim, Maddy Allen, Capt. Jenna Parker and Coach Samantha Cacciola; back row from left, June Bardsley, Emalie Cruz, Paige Mercier, Raeanna Dallaire-Boogaard, Olivia Bongiovanni, Jackie Genetti, Gianna Ballou and Coach Jillian James.

## Cheerleaders receive sportsmanship award

The Shawsheen Valley Technical High School Cheerleaders were recently awarded the Gerald Silverman Sportsmanship Award during Sunday's Fall Cheerleading Championships at Worcester State University.

The award was presented by Dr. Michael J. Connelly, Assistant Director of The Massachusetts School Administrators' Association (MSAA). Three, out of over one-hundred teams, received the honor.

The Gerald Silverman Sportsmanship Award is given to a team who has been a consistent example of team spirit and sportsmanship, and further-

others, who "encourage[s] others to replicate such behavior."

Shawsheen's cheerleaders were nominated for the award because of their infectious spirit and care for others, and because of their outward display of respect and positivity. Cheerleaders play a substantial role in promoting supportive and encouraging behavior for athletes and fans, and the Lady Ram Cheerleaders do that and more for the Shawsheen community. Superintendent Jackson commented on the attitudes of the cheerleaders and said, "adults have a lot to learn from these cheerleaders; they are visible examples of how we

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# Sessa and Garrity break records, other locals shine

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LOWELL -- Coming off a tremendous Cross Country season where she led her team to their second consecutive America East Conference Championship, UMass Lowell graduate student Emily Sessa of Tewksbury, and the River Hawks kicked off their Indoor Track season in fine style this past weekend, at the Boston University Sharon Colyear-Danville Season Opener.

Worcester State a 79-60 defeat on Tuesday night in non-conference play in Blake Arena.

Worcester State sees their three-game win streak ended, with their record slipping to 5-5. Springfield, who is ranked 24th in the latest Women's Basketball Coaches Association Division III Top 25 Coaches Poll, remained unbeaten with a 9-0 record.

Elizabeth Gallella (Tewksbury, Mass.) totalled a game-high 18 points, while Erin Gallella (Tewksbury, Mass.) pro-

the visitors. On the next possession, Hourihan dumped it in to Angela Czeremcha (West Springfield, Mass.) for an inside lay-in, which sparked a 10-2 run for the Pride to close the quarter. Dzindolet capped off the scoring run with a three pointer in the corner to make the score 21-13 after one.

The Lancers would cut it to 21-16 with an three from Katie Hurynowicz (Tyngsboro, Mass.) with 8:46 on the clock but that would be the closest margin of the first half as the Pride would expand its lead to 28-18 with a triple on the wing by Daubon off the kick out from Vinton. With 1:18 to go, Elizabeth Gallella would sink a three for Worcester to bring the game to a 34-27 margin, however, a tip in from Amanda Carr (West Haven, Conn.) and a pair of free throws Stephanie Lyons (Boston, Mass.) would allow Springfield to enter halftime with a 38-27 lead.

The visitors would outscore Springfield 21-15 in the third quarter as the Pride committed seven turnovers. After Wentland scored inside at 9:07 to make it a 13-point contest, the Lancers used an 8-0 push over the next 3:30 to pull within 42-37 on a putback by Elizabeth Gallella. Despite pushing their lead back to eight on five occasions, Springfield would head into the final 10 minutes of play with a 53-48 edge as Erin Gallella canned a triple with 1:14 left in the third.

Hanging on a 57-52 advantage with 7:13 remaining in regulation, Wentland took the game over and spurred a 12-3 push as she produced two three-point plays, buried a trifecta from the wing, and handed out a pair of assists to help the Pride's cushion balloon to 69-55 just over two minutes later. Vinton, who herself netted nine points in the frame to go along with five steals, finished in transition following her ninth swipe of the game inside the final minute to

duced nine points, five assists, and three steals. The Lancers and the Pride traded buckets for most of the first stanza as

Just as she did in the Cross Country season, Sessa led the way for her River Hawks teammates, setting a new UMass Lowell record in the 3,000 meters while earning a tenth place finish in a field of 53 runners time of 9:23.32.

"It was great to get the indoor season started," remarked Head Coach Gary Gardner. "We had some outstanding performances today and it was extra special with this being our first full indoor meets in two years."

On the men's side, for UMass Lowell junior John Riley (Quincy, Mass.) had an impressive showing of his own, running a 14:02.26 pace in the 5,000-meters at the Alden Invitational to register the third-fastest men's time in the event in school history.

"Emily set the school record in the 3,000-meter and John ran the third-fastest 5K male in school history," commented Gardner. "I can't wait to see what this team is capable of. Today was just a glimpse."

## GALLELLA TWINS SHINE

The Springfield College women's basketball program used a fourth-quarter surge to deal

the score was knotted at 11-11 with 3:55 remaining after Emma Found (Wakefield, Mass.) knocked down a three for

give the Pride a 21-point lead which would later result in a 79-60 victory.

(NEHC) Player of the Week for the second time this season on Monday. Masotta scored three goals on the weekend,

final four.

The Bears historic weekend began last Friday night when, for just the second time in program

Bears have upset the No. 2, 3, 4 and 5 seeds during this tournament run.

# Shawsheen Tech Cheerleading team receives sportsmanship award

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should respond in tough situations." The specific example that prompted nomination for the award was during an away football game at Whittier Tech (Haverhill). Senior Captain Bianca Garofolo, a veteran cheerleader for the Rams, encouraged the Varsity Team to work with the Whittier cheerleaders to create a Paper Doll Pyramid. The Pyramid was strategically built to intertwine both Whittier

and Shawsheen cheerleaders in the single-leg stunt. "The girls thought it would be a fun way to bond with the other team," remarked Coach Sam while explaining how the stunt evolved, "and with last season being very limited with what we could do, the girls were eager to get back to doing what they love: cheering with their team and others."

"To me, it represents the true meaning of high

school athletics - competitors on the field and friends after the game is over," Dr. Jackson reported regarding the stunt, "I'm so proud of them and proud that they're Rams!"

The Lady Ram Cheerleaders practice every day after school, and their training is both physical and mental. They are led by Coach Samantha Cacciola who has been part of the coaching staff at Shawsheen since 2016; this

is her 5th season as Head Coach. Coach Sam teaches that school spirit and positivity is contagious, and both can motivate athletes to play their best, and fans to participate from the stands. Shawsheen's Athletics Department focuses on more than winning and losing, and that can be seen through Coach Sam's work; she elevates kindness and character development through the sport of cheerleading.

The Shawsheen Cheerleading Team is known throughout the state as a strong and polished squad, and they are leaders in executing challenging routines. The varsity team had a stand-out season, winning 1st place at the Shepherd Hill Cheer Invitational, 1st place at the CAC League Competition, 1st place at the MVADA Fall Cheer Invitational, and qualifying for the state competition during North

Regionals.

Throughout the season Coach Sam preached "winning is important but kindness is more important," and that motto came full circle when the team did not place at States but was awarded the prestigious Gerald Silverman Sportsmanship Award.



Wilmington resident Emma Garrity broke the 500-meter record this past week as a member of the Bryant University women's track-and-field team. (courtesy photo/BU).

## GARRITY BREAKS RECORD

The Bryant Women's Indoor Track and Field team also opened up their season this past weekend at the Alden Invitational in Providence, Rhode Island, and junior Emma Garrity of Wilmington wasted very little time in getting her season off to a great start, winning the 500 meter event, while setting a school record and qualifying for the NEICAAA meet in the process with a time of 1:16.30.

Sessa enters the indoor season following a great season last spring when she ran in the 400, 800, 4x400 and 4x800, and posted a personal-best time of 57.79 in the 400 and 2:22.64 in the 800. She also finished sixth in the 400 at the NEC Championships and was part of 4x400 relay team that finished fifth, all while being named to the NEC Academic Honor Roll.

## MASOTTA HONORED

Norwich University junior forward Julia Masotta of Tewksbury team was named the New England Hockey Conference

including both game-winning goals to lead Norwich to a six-point weekend sweep of Salem State and Southern Maine. Masotta scored the game-winning goal midway through the second period to lift the Cadets to a 3-1 win over Southern Maine on Friday. She added another game-winning goal as part of a two-goal effort in Saturday's win over Salem State.

Masotta leads Norwich with 12 points on the season and helped the Cadets extend their NEHC unbeaten streak to 56 straight games with the pair of victories.

Masotta had previously earned NEHC Player of the Week honors for the week ending November 14

## SEASON CONTINUES FOR FIGS

The magical season continued this past weekend in Pensacola, Florida for Wilmington's Stephanie Figueiredo and the Lenoir Rhyne Women's Soccer team, as the Bears won two more big games in NCAA Division 2 Tournament to advance to the program's first ever

history, they captured the Southeast Regional Championship by beating fourth seeded Flagler in regional finals. The Bears advanced by winning 4-2 in penalty kicks after the match ended in a 1-1 draw.

Just as she had in the Bears first round win over No. 10 Catawba, Figueiredo played a huge part in the Bears win, scoring one of the penalty kicks to help her team advance to the Elite Eight where they took on No. 5 seed Florida Tech on Sunday afternoon with a trip to the final four on the line.

On Sunday, it once again took penalty kicks to decide a winner, and once again the Bears prevailed, advancing 4-3 on penalty kicks after playing to a 1-1 draw. With the win, the Bears earned their first ever trip to the Final Four, where they will take on No. 1 seed Grand Valley State on Thursday night in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Lenoir-Rhyne is the only No. 7-seed remaining in the tournament. All of the other teams in the Final Four are No. 1 seeds. The



The Lenoir Rhyne Women's Soccer team won two more big games in NCAA Division 2 Tournament to advance to the program's first ever final four. Wilmington resident Stephanie Figueiredo (second row, fourth from left) has been a big apt of the success. (courtesy photo).



## Powder Puff game a fun event for all, including the seniors



Recently, TMHS held its annual Powder Puff fundraising game played between the Sr Girls and the Jr Girls. Above, senior players include from left, Olivia Capelo, Ava Gilligan, Tricia Woodford, Annemarie Sullivan and Jillian Mantel, all cheerleaders, who enjoyed the festivities. (courtesy photo).

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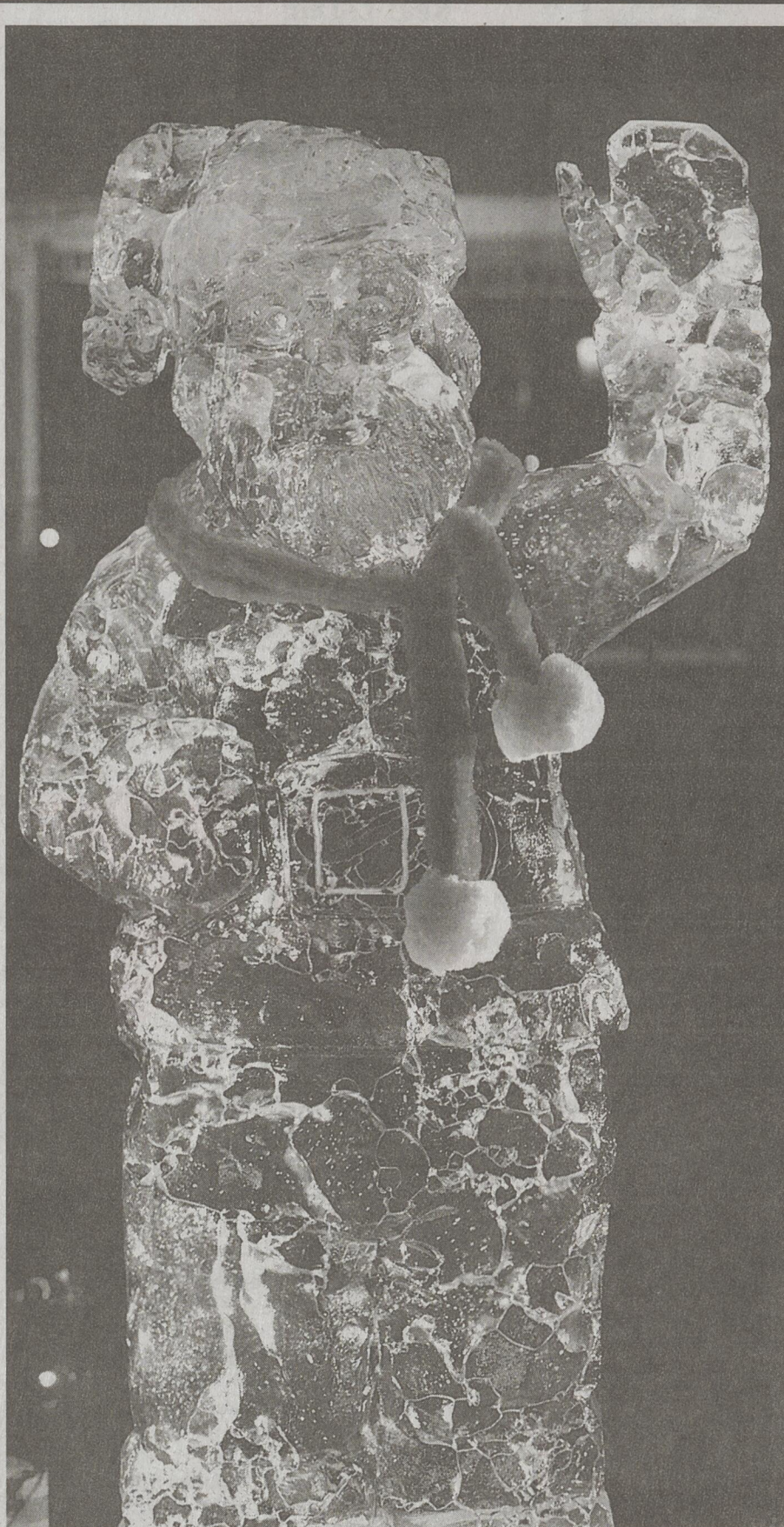
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## Santa on ice

Ice sculpture on the Wilmington Common.

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# OBITUARY

## James R. 'Jim' Hanson

Served in the Marine Corps during Vietnam

James R. "Jim" Hanson, age 72, of Andover, formerly of Wilmington, passed away on Dec. 6, 2021, after a gallant fight with mesothelioma.

Jim was born in Melrose, on Oct. 13, 1949; he was raised and educated in Wilmington and a member of the Wilmington High School Class of 1968.

In the fall of 1968, Jim enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, where he completed a tour of duty in Vietnam and then was stationed in the Philippines.

Upon his return from the service, Jim became a licensed oil burner technician and pursued that career which spanned for 40 years. Jim was a member of the Teamsters Union Local 25 and retired in 2012.

In 1972, Jim married his "High School Sweetheart" Beverly Wagstaff; they

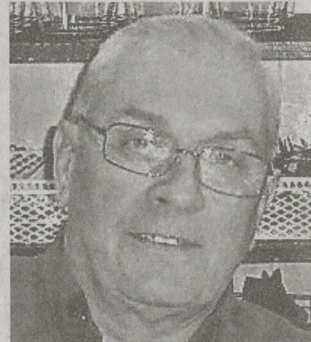
lived in Wilmington for a number of years until moving to their present residence in Andover.

Jim will be remembered as an unpretentious, hard-working, honest man and a loyal friend to many.

Jim was the beloved husband of 49 years to Beverly J. (Wagstaff) Hanson, loving son of the late William D. and Norma M. (Moore) Hanson, cherished brother of D. Barry Hanson and his wife Patricia of North Reading and Gail St. Onge of Dracut, dear brother-in-law of Gail and Chuck Amato of Wilmington, Bernard and Joan Wagstaff of Tewksbury and Michael Wagstaff of Pelham, NH.

He was known as "Uncle Jim" to many nieces and nephews as well as friends and neighbors.

Family and friends will gather for Visitation at the Nichols Funeral Home,



187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Saturday, Dec. 11 from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. immediately followed by a Celebration of Jim's life at 12:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Jim's memory made out to the International Mesothelioma Program, and mail to Brigham & Women's Hospital, Development Office - IMP, Third Floor, 116 Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02116-5749.

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sunset ritual. Meet at the Pavilion.

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Directions: Take Rte. 114 from the north or south and follow the signs to Harold Parker State Forest. Turn Right at the stop sign. Pavilion is on the left. Mapquest 470 Middleton Road, North Andover, MA and look for signs.

## Rep. Moulton highlights over \$8M in taxpayer savings, 948 arrest diversions through Front Line Initiative

TEWKSBURY — The Front Line Initiative and its member police departments were pleased to share in a recent presentation to U.S. Rep. Seth Moulton that the regional mental-health collaborative saved taxpayers in member communities over \$8 million, diverted 1,431 individuals from emergency room visits, and diverted 948 individuals from arrest.

The Front Line Initiative is a collaborative effort between Billerica Police, Chelmsford Police, Dracut Police, Tewksbury Police and Tyngsborough Police aimed at providing a direct connection to holistic, trauma-informed behavioral health and substance use disorder resources.

In the past three years, the Front Line Initiative has made 5,835 referrals for mental health services, diverted 1,431 individuals from unnecessary emergency room visits, and diverted 948 individuals from arrest. Those diversions saved taxpayers in member communities and estimated \$5.72 million on unnecessary emergency room visits and an estimated \$2.37 million on unnecessary arrests, all while also providing services to individuals who are not involved with police.

"The Frontline Initiative is a compassionate, effective, and transformative approach to policing," said Rep. Moulton. "The results clearly show that this program works, not just because it saves taxpayers' money, but also because it forces us to treat mental health and substance use as health issues, not crimes. Not to mention, this collaborative demonstrates that when professionals who are trained to handle crises work in tandem with the police, communities are better and safer for it."

"Police officers in the 21st century are on the front lines of our nation's mental health crisis, and we must adjust our strategies, training, and resources to do our best for individuals who are facing mental health issues, and our communities," said Tewksbury Police Chief Ryan Columbus. "The Front Line Initiative is an innovative, collaborative effort to take a community-focused leadership role in modern policing, and we are seeing truly groundbreaking results as a result of the work that is being done."

Formed as a local program in Tewksbury in 2011 — then known as the Bridge Outreach Program — The Front Line Initiative became a regional partnership in 2016, and launched a rebranded, data-driven co-response program in all five member communities in 2018.

The collaborative expanded dramatically thanks to seven new grants received since 2019, increasing staff from two to 13 employees and expanding programming.

"We had high hopes when we teamed up and launched this collaborative effort in 2016, and we are seeing real results and life-changing outcomes for individuals who reach out or get referred for help," said Tyngsborough Police Chief Richard Howe. "Its an incredible asset to responding officers to have mental health clinicians who can co-respond with them thanks to the Front Line Initiative. I am proud that the Tyngsborough Police Department is part of this effort."

Programs provided by the Front Line Initiative now include:

- Prevention — Staff members engage with community groups, schools and civic organizations to help raise awareness and

share resources to help those facing behavioral health or substance use disorder issues.

- Crisis Response — Clinicians respond along with police when individuals are in crisis to help divert patients from unnecessary emergency room visits and unnecessary arrests.

- Recovery Support — Staff members provide ongoing access to recovery programs, resources and supports in both individual and group formats.

- Training — Staff members provide a wide variety of training for police officers and community members, including on mental health first aid.

The presentation to Rep. Moulton was part of an ongoing outreach effort being conducted by Front Line Initiative Executive Director Matthew Page-Shelton to share news of the collaborative's services and data on the collaborative's results in member communities.

"Community policing is about far more than just making arrests. It's also about working with local partners and other stakeholders to provide resources to the community, and working to prevent and address issues before arrests are necessary," said Chelmsford Police Chief James Spinney. "This kind of collaborative effort helps us ensure that individuals in need will get follow-up care, information and treatment that can help change their lives for the better."

"This groundbreaking program enables us to contribute to our community in a hugely important way by helping to ensure those facing mental health issues have access to follow up care and resources," said Dracut Police Chief Peter Bartlett. "I'm pleased the Dracut Police Department can be part of this effort to offer resources to our community."

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Individuals do not have to be involved with police to be referred to the Front Line Initiative's programs, which are available to everyone in member communities regardless of insurance, socioeconomic status, gender identity, sexual preference, age, or race.

"We are extremely thankful to be a part of the Front Line Initiative. The entire Billerica community has benefited from the robust resources this initiative has provided," said Billerica Police Deputy Chief Roy Frost. "Whether

it be through co-response or follow-up with a certified Mental Health Clinician, or through improved access to specialized Crisis Intervention Training for our sworn officers, we have seen increasingly positive outcomes for individuals suffering from a crisis."

To access services provided by the Front Line Initiative, please call the Clinical Support Team at 978-215-9642. The service is accessible 24/7. In case of an emergency, please call 911.

To access a variety of

behavioral health and substance use disorder resources compiled by the Front Line Initiative online in partnership with Credible Mind, click [https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com?url=https%3a%2f%2ffrontline.crediblemind.com%2f&c=E,1,\\_GH0eSVq1u8v0\\_ZQhcUnlEmFL5bhKiySHYh-h3gxQQA37DKuRjta02HRTQigatSlyCFVw2rTbFIKp5vaq6JP\\_9vKOE4tJNrNXtjzW5UA42ICNtSi6\\_DiThCLw,&typo=0](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com?url=https%3a%2f%2ffrontline.crediblemind.com%2f&c=E,1,_GH0eSVq1u8v0_ZQhcUnlEmFL5bhKiySHYh-h3gxQQA37DKuRjta02HRTQigatSlyCFVw2rTbFIKp5vaq6JP_9vKOE4tJNrNXtjzW5UA42ICNtSi6_DiThCLw,&typo=0)

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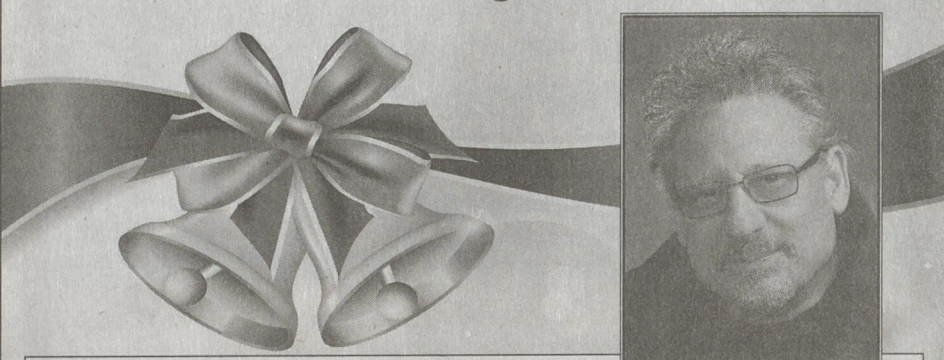
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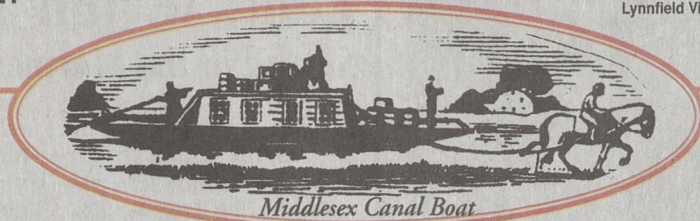
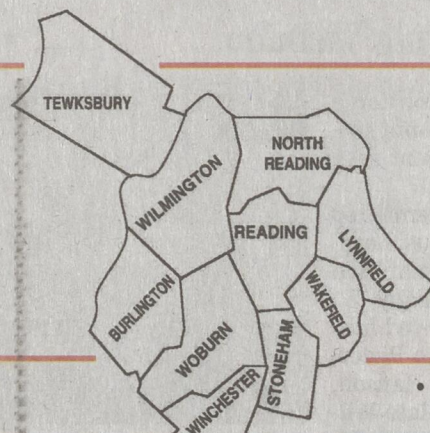
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## New high school coming to Stoneham

By PAT BLAIS

With the first shovels full of dirt likely to be scooped from the future construction site sometime next summer, a dogged band of Stoneham citizens and politicians can finally celebrate the fruits of their decade-plus long pursuit of a new high school.

Last month, Stoneham's citizenry overwhelmingly voted in favor of the community's largest ever debt exclusion by okaying a generational \$190 million investment into the construction of a new three-story Stoneham High School (SHS).

The new high school project does come with a significant \$49 million contribution from the Mass. School Building Authority (MSBA), which with its latest pledge, will have now contributed money to rebuild every single educational facility in Stoneham.

With the debt exclusion passing by a near 4-to-1 margin, Stoneham's taxpayers, who have since the mid-2000s rebuked various attempts by town officials to pass operating budget over-

rides, demonstrated that they are more than willing to shoulder an extra financial burden to support the community's educational infrastructure.

"I would say in Stoneham, we're very supportive about debt exclusions for the schools," said Stoneham Town Clerk Maria Sagarino, when asked last month if she was surprised by the lopsided election results.

With inflated construction costs driving up the SHS project's price tag by some \$17 million over just the past year alone, the average Stoneham homeowner will reportedly pay around \$25,000 over the next 30 years to foot the bill for the new high school campus. Meanwhile, Stoneham residents are less than half-way through paying off the \$40.6 million debt exclusion passed in 2012 for a new middle school - which is costing the typical homeowner an estimated \$176 a year.

According to local officials like Town Administrator Dennis Sheehan and Stoneham Schools' Superintendent John Macero, who inherited the still-unapproved high school project

when he was hired away from Winthrop in 2017, they've been humbled by the community's outpouring of support for the new high school.

"When I arrived less than five years ago, the consistent concern throughout the community was the high school building. [During the recent special election], the town approved this issue to be resolved and I am proud of all the work of School Building Committee has done to bring us to this point in time."

"I am particularly grateful for all the efforts of the community members and staff who over a period of several years made this opportunity a possibility," Sheehan later remarked.

Stoneham's future crown jewel

Since 2000, Stoneham has replaced its middle school and each of its elementary schools with brand new state-of-the-art facilities.

Capping off that massive wave of investment, the \$190 million high school project is expected to become the community's crowned jewel, as the undertaking also involves the construction of a brand new athletic complex, various outdoor walking trails, and access to a new indoor and outdoor gathering spaces for special public events and celebrations.

To be situated on the same 35-acre campus as the existing high school, which sits off of Franklin Street by the Melrose line, the new facility will include 23 core classroom spaces, various art and music rooms, six new state-of-the-art art and science labs, and a brand new library.

The high school's academic spaces will be clustered around a new ground-floor gymnasium, which project designers say will allow natural light to be pulled into hallways and other spaces.

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## Athletes & Activities

By: Steve Algeri

• MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA: Name the two other schools who have won the College Football Playoff other than Alabama and Clemson.  
Answer appears below:

**Boston Pride sign Olympic Gold Medalist Kali Flanagan of Burlington**

The Boston Pride have announced the signing of World and Olympic Champion defender KALI FLANAGAN of Burlington to a free agent contract for the remainder of the 2021-22 Premier Hockey Federation (PHF) season. The 26-year-old from Burlington was a member of the U.S. National Women's Team that won gold at both the 2017 IIHF Women's World Championship and the 2018 Winter Olympic Games.

"I chose the Pride for two reasons," said Flanagan. "The quality of the people that are a part of this organization, from the front office, to the coaches and my teammates, and Boston is my home. I grew up here, I played in college here at BC and now I have the opportunity to play professional hockey here. I'm looking forward to bringing the same wholehearted effort, camaraderie and championship mindset that I've always played with to the Pride."

Flanagan was selected by the Pride with the fifth overall pick in the 2018 entry draft. The Boston College graduate played 157 NCAA games amassing 72 points while winning Hockey East titles and Beanpot Championships in 2016 and 2017. She served as the Eagles' co-captain during her senior season and was named a 2018-19 Hockey East Third Team All-Star and was named a Hockey East Championship All-Tournament Team player. Flanagan spent the past two seasons as a member of the PWHPA and was most recently among 28 players invited to the U.S. residency program competing for a spot in the 2022 Olympic Winter Games. In that time she suited up for two games of the Rivalry Series competing against Canada on October 22 in Allentown, PA and October 25 in Hartford, CT.

"I've been fortunate to coach Kali in the past," said Pride head coach Paul Mara. "We shared the rare opportunity to participate in the Olympics together and to bring home a gold medal. Kali is a perfect fit for the Boston Pride. She is a high quality person first. Second only to that, she is one fantastic hockey player. She is an incredible skater with great vision and great instincts. She plays the game the right way in all three zones and we are extremely excited to welcome her to Boston and look forward to getting her on the ice with the rest of the team."

The 5-foot-5 right-shot defender bolsters a Boston blue line that already features Kaleigh Fratkin, a two-time PHF Defender of the Year, along with Amanda Boulier who currently leads the PHF in scoring at the position, plus returning Isobel Cup champions in Paige Capistran, Lauren Kelly, Jenna Rheault and Mallory Souliotis. Boston is currently in first place in the overall PHF standings with 10 points through six games.

"This commitment from Kali Flanagan is an exciting step for the PHF as we continue our mission of providing leading professional opportunities for athletes in our game," said PHF Commissioner Tyler Tumminia. "Her world class talent and experience is something our fans will enjoy and will help elevate the competition across the PHF."

### Local area college news and notes

A pair of local players are among the top scorers on the New England College men's basketball team. Winchester's MICHAEL TAVILLA, a 6-4 junior forward, and Burlington's KYLE INGLIS, a 6-0 sophomore guard, are averaging 10.6 and 10.2 points per game respectively.

Tavilla has started all 11 games so far, averaging 26.9 minutes. In addition to his 10.6

ppg he is averaging 4.3 rebounds per game.

Inglis has played in all 11 games with one start, averaging 16.2 minutes per game. He has been quite prolific from 3-point territory making 19 of 40 attempts for 47.5 percent.

Reading's JOHN O'BRIEN, a senior captain on the Trinity College men's wrestling team, snagged a fourth-place finish at 285 pounds in the Rochester Institute of Technology Invitational on Saturday in Rochester, N.Y. O'Brien is a second-year captain and was a All-NEWA Honorable Mention who led the Bantams in pins in 2019-20. He was 20-11 that season with 16 wins by fall. The 2020-21 season was cancelled due to the pandemic.

Woburn's GEORGIANNA SANTULLO, a senior forward on the Uitea women's ice hockey team, is off to a hot start to her senior season. Santullo has a team-leading 15 goals to go with 9 assists to lead her team with 24 points. The Pioneers are 8-2-0 on the season.

Wilmington's KYLIE DUCHARME, a 5-11 freshman guard on the Bentley University women's basketball team, is off to a fine start with the Falcons. Ducharme is averaging 15.3 minutes per game coming off the bench and averaging 5.1 points per game. She had a season-high 9 points in the 62-51 win at Stonehill on Nov. 23.

The Falcons were 5-3 on the season going into the game at Southern New Hampshire on Dec. 7.

### MIAA Super Bowl champions:

- Division 1: Springfield Central 22, Central Catholic 15  
Division 2: Catholic Memorial 42, King Philip 18  
Division 3: Marblehead 35, North Attleboro 28  
Division 4: Scituate 14, Duxbury 13  
Division 5: Swampscott 14, North Reading 7  
Division 6: Rockland 23, Abington 13  
Division 7: Cohasset 27, Waconah 12  
Division 8: Randolph 20, Hull 14

### The Country Club in Brookline set to host 2022 US Open

The Country Club in Brookline, which is one of the USGA's five founding clubs, is set to host its fourth US Open when next year's event begins the week of June 12, 2022. Tickets went on sale back in June at the conclusion of this year's event.

USGA members were able to access ticket pre-sales. Daily and multi-day access to the event, will go on sale later, according to the USGA.

The last time the club hosted was in 1988 when Curtis Strange defeated Nick Faldo in a Monday playoff. One of the most famous moments for The Country Club was in 1913, when Francis Ouimet, a 20-year-old amateur and former club caddie, defeated British professional stalwarts Harry Vardon and Ted Ray in an 18-hole playoff to win the US Open.

Ticket packages include:

Weekly Gallery: Access to grounds for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday practices, and all four rounds.

Weekly Garden: Access to grounds the entire week, plus food and beverage options.

Weekly Cabana: Luxury option with 12 tickets per day, plus on-demand food, beverage, and bottle service.

Two-day Reserved Grandstand: Two packages with weekday and weekend options for American Express customers, with access to grandstand near the second and fifth holes.

For more details on these packages, check out the US Open website.

Answer to this week's question: Ohio State (2014) and LSU (2019).

## Movie Reviews & Box Office News

### Spielberg's rousing 'West Side Story' revival

By JAKE COYLE  
AP Film Writer

We're so rife with reboots and remakes today that it can take a moment to gauge just what Steven Spielberg's "West Side Story" is. It isn't a papered-over modernizing or a thinly disguised retread. It's a feat of reconstruction. Spielberg, Tony Kushner and Steven Sondheim have taken the original play and reworked it from the inside, burrowing into the DNA of "West Side Story" and its characters to recast, reconsider, deepen and clarify one of the 20th century's most iconic musicals.

It is, I think, a better movie than the 1961 original, by Robert Wise and Jerome Robbins, in almost every respect. The Sharks, the Puerto Rican gang who squares off with the white Jets in 1950s New York, have been given a new and fuller life, bringing "West Side Story" into balance and righting some of the wrongs of the original in its stereotyped depictions. Rachel Zegler's Maria, Ariana DeBose's Anita and David Alvarez's Bernardo are, to remarkable degree, what makes this "West Side Story" sing. And the story, as scripted by Kushner, is more emotional and complex than ever, fully realizing the "Romeo and Juliet" tragedy while shading the '50s gang strife with notes of today's divisions and battles of gentrification.

And, yet, as fully realized and impeccably crafted as this "West Side Story" is, I'm not sure it matches the power and force of the original. As problem-filled as that movie was 60 years ago, with Natalie Wood as the Latina Maria, its potency is impossible to shrug off. There was Robbins' electric choreography, the expressionist Panavision color and Rita Moreno — my god, Rita Moreno — a dynamo of almost overwhelming talent. The 1961 "West Side Story" was propelled by a teeming, lurching mid-century America energy — a surge of bodies in motion, syncopated with finger snaps. This "West Side Story" comes out of a different cultural moment, one of tasteful renovation — three 20th century titans of the arts, like master remodeling craftsmen, shifting and rearranging the play's latticework of scaffolding, brick and fire escape.

Delayed a year by the pandemic, "West Side Story" (Dec. 10 in theaters) arrives with a glow of eulogy, coming on the heels of Sondheim's death at 91. "West Side Story," originally staged in 1957, was Sondheim's first musical. (Robbins conceived it, with music by Leonard Bernstein, book by Arthur Laurents and lyrics by Sondheim.) Six decades later, it's Spielberg's first musical, too. Spielberg, naturally, doesn't finally wade into song and dance with some little one-act but with possibly the most beloved musical there is. (He does, after all, know a thing or two about sharks.) When it comes to big-screen grandeur, there's still nobody who does it better.

What's immediately apparent is that Spielberg, with his regular cinematographer Janusz Kaminski, has elected for a paler, desaturated palette and a slightly grittier, more grounded sense of place. The opening shot skims over a giant pile of rubble — "slum clearance" to make way for the Upper West Side's Lincoln Center. (That bit drew chuckles at the screening I attended, at Lincoln Square's Walter Reade Theatre.) With the wrecking ball coming for San Juan Hill and a new, wealthier New York to build, the days are numbered for both the Sharks and the Jets. Their turf war is misguided from the start; they're both about



**DANCING IN THE STREETS** - Ariana DeBose as Anita, foreground left, and David Alvarez as Bernardo in "West Side Story" from 20th Century Studios. The film's narrative, context and authenticity give Spielberg's "West Side Story" its own verve.

(20th Century Studios via AP)

to have no turf, at all. Corey Stoll's Lieutenant Schrank (superior of Brian d'Arcy James' Officer Krumpke) spells it out for them: A remade neighborhood is coming that won't have room for Puerto Ricans like the Sharks or "the last of the can't-make-it Caucasians."

Its narrative, context and authenticity that give Spielberg's "West Side Story" its own verve. It most definitely still plays the hits, but the film feels less like a Broadway-to-screen transfer than a cinematic staging of a classic. The set pieces are often extraordinary. "In America" moves from the sound stage to the street in an on-air showstopper. "One Hand, One Heart," in which Tony (Ansel Elgort) and Maria speak their private wedding vows, has been uprooted to the Cloisters, where it shines with a holy tenderness. Some classics — "I Feel Pretty," performed inside Gimbels department store (where Maria works as a cleaner) — may be too familiar to sound new again. But songs like "Cool" are thrillingly alive, in part because Spielberg's nimble camera is in on the dance, an eager partner to Justin Peck's choreography.

"West Side Story," a 20th Century Studios release, is rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association of America for sequences of some strong violence, strong language, thematic content, suggestive material and brief smoking. Running time: 156 minutes. Three and a half stars out of four.

## School From page A-8

In another heralded design element, a grand entryway into the building will be anchored by an open seating area being dubbed as Spartan Place.

The grand glass-lined indoor space, which will double as the cafeteria, is situated right off a brand new kitchen area and is also within close proximity to the new school's auditorium and gymnasium areas.

According to project architect Brooke Trivas, from design firm Perkins and Will, though functioning as the school's cafeteria, the grand foyer can easily be transformed into the perfect gathering place for special functions. The indoor foyer will also open right up to the Spartan Plaza outdoor gathering area, which will include overhead cover to shield guests from the elements.

With the design team also laying out plans to construct new nature trails around the campus, the exterior space will include three new synthetic fields, including a brand new outdoor stadium bordered by a track.

The main athletic field will also include new home and visiting bleacher areas and an adjacent field house that includes girls and boys locker rooms, a concession stand, and public restrooms. Also to be rebuilt are the high school's tennis courts and softball and baseball fields.

Lastly, the new energy efficient building will include an attached wing containing new administrative offices and a pre-K instruction area containing 14,000 square feet of space. The new pre-K space, which will include separate entrances to ensure the high school population is separated from younger children, will consist of eight classrooms with adjoining bathrooms. Separate playground and outdoor spaces are also being constructed.

Dating back to 1968, the present high school building was originally constructed as a junior high school and underwent its last major expansion and renovation project in 1980.

Current high school students will continue learning within the existing building during construction of the new three-story facility. It

is expected the new SHS will be opened in time for the start of the 2024 academic year. Demolition of the old school is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2024, and work on the field areas will reportedly begin in the fall of 2024 and continue through the spring of 2025.

### A long road

Proponents of the high school project began advocating in earnest for a renovation of the existing high school building back in 2013, when Stoneham filed its first so-called statement-of-interest (SOI) with the MSBA seeking funding.

Citing deficiencies with the 211,000 square foot building's HVAC systems and inadequate access to the high-tech tools commonly used in modern-day classrooms, school officials had originally suggested the old 1968 facility could be renovated by retrofitting a series of vacant and used vocational shops into new science labs. The antiquated science spaces could then be converted into classrooms.

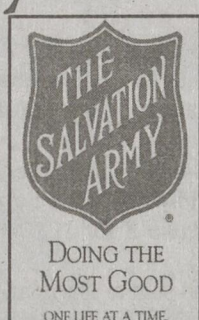
After the MSBA rejected the community's SOI for four consecutive years between 2013 and 2016, citizens at Town Meeting agreed to study a potential high school project in greater detail. Ultimately, Stoneham hired Cambridge-based designer HFMH Architects to lead that analysis. In a report issued in October of 2017, representatives from the architectural firm concluded that the renovation concept would likely cost more money and take years longer than building an entirely new facility.

At the time, HFMH estimated it would cost anywhere from \$135-to-\$155 million to construct a new SHS.

Town officials ultimately used the HFMH report to shape future MSBA submissions and in the fall of 2019, some six months after the town shipped off its sixth SOI to the state agency, the community was invited into the MSBA funding pipeline.

Ultimately, a new High School Building Committee, during yet another joint feasibility study regarding the high school, abandoned the renovation concept and advanced plans to construct an entirely new facility.

## M.E. Santa hangs out the red kettle for the 32nd holiday season



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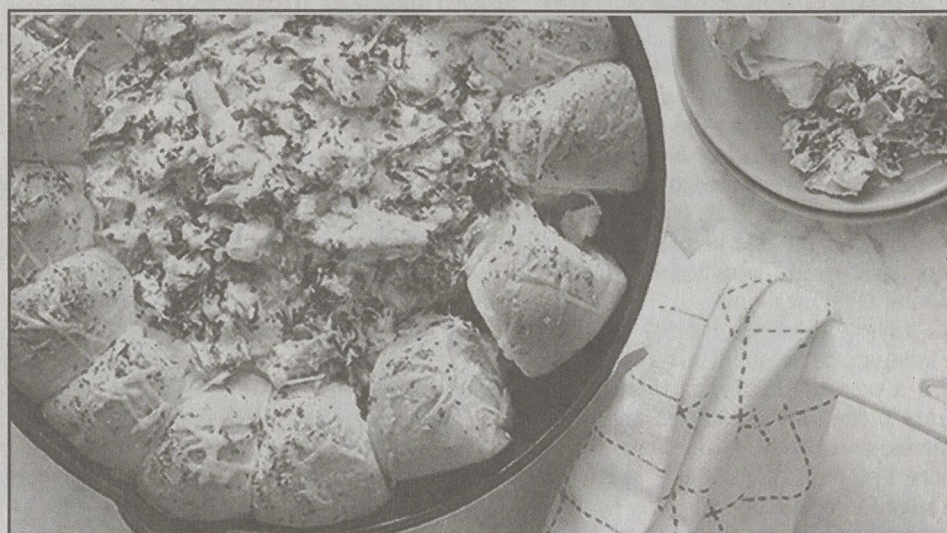
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### SPINACH-ARTICHOKE PULL-APART DIP



**CHEESY HERBED PULL-APARTS** - If ever there was a dish to make for a party, it's this all-in-one cheesy biscuit and dip skillet. Toasty herbed biscuits stuffed with gooey mozzarella made to be pulled apart and dunked in an indulgent spinach artichoke dip. Don't be surprised if a line forms as soon as this is put on the table!

#### STEPS

1. Heat oven to 350°F. Spray 12-inch ovenproof skillet with cooking spray.

2. In large bowl, mix Dip ingredients until blended. Set aside.

3. Separate dough into 8 biscuits. Separate each biscuit into 2 rounds. Place 1 cube of cheese on center of each biscuit round. Fold edges up and over cheese, pinch firmly to seal; roll into a ball. Place around edge of skillet with pinched end facing down.

4. In small bowl, mix melted butter and 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning. Brush biscuits with butter mixture. Spoon dip mixture in center of skillet, spreading it to edge of biscuits.

5. Bake 25 minutes. Remove from oven; sprinkle 2 tablespoons Parmesan cheese over biscuits. Bake 3 to 5 minutes longer or until biscuits are golden brown and dip is heated through. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

#### EXPERT TIPS

To quickly soften cream cheese, remove from wrapper; and place on microwavable plate; microwave uncovered on High about 15 seconds or just until softened.

Skillet (and handle) will be hot, so be sure to cover handle with potholder or kitchen towel before serving.

#### Ingredients

##### Dip

- 1 package (8 oz) cream cheese, softened
- 1/3 cup mayonnaise
- 1 box (9 oz) frozen chopped spinach, thawed, squeezed to drain

- 1 jar (6 oz) Progresso™ marinated artichoke hearts, drained and chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon Italian seasoning

- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese (4 oz)
- 1/4 cup shredded Parmesan cheese

##### Biscuits

- 1 can (16.3 oz) refrigerated Pillsbury™ Grands!™ Flaky Layers Buttermilk Biscuits
- 4 oz block mozzarella cheese, cut into 16 cubes
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 tsp. Italian seasoning
- 2 tblsp. shredded Parmesan cheese

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8 Cochrane Rd was sold to Taranto, John and Taranto, Emily by Fitzgerald, John F for \$675,000 on 11/15/21

18 Cottage St was sold to Smith, Kyle and Mendonca, Stephanie by Rocco, Michael P for \$495,000 on 11/15/21

12 Hillside Way was sold to Kingman, Kelley and Collins, Rosemary R by Nelson, Cynthia J and Nelson, Richard A for \$840,000 on 11/15/21

195 Salem St #1105 was sold to Comeau, Gerard F and Comeau, Loretta L by Wilson, Laura A for \$489,900 on 11/16/21

2 Summer St was sold to Finn, Gerard E by Quinton, Charles and Bank Of New York Mellon for \$430,000 on 11/15/21

10 Westdale Ave was sold to Boyd, Connor by Wetherbee Properties LLC for \$560,000 on 11/15/21

### WINCHESTER

7 Conant Rd #9 was sold to Chen, Richard by Rinsky, Yury B and Rinsky, Raisa L for \$590,000 on 11/08/21

400 Cross St #305 was sold to Puzzanghera, Paul by Berger FT and Berger, Leah for \$519,000 on 11/09/21

114 Main St was sold to Bekelian, Karina and Rohra, Neran by 114 Main Street RT and Costantino, Joseph M for \$830,000 on 11/10/21

58 Oxford St was sold to Albiani, Benjamin and Albiani, Megan by Battinelli, Salvatore F and Battinelli, Paula F for \$1,300,000 on 11/08/21

4 Palmer St #4 was sold to Feldman Goldstein T and Goldstein, Joel by Matthew D Richards RET and Richards, Matthew D for \$950,000 on 11/08/21

205 Mystic Valley Pkwy was sold to Mcmanus, Gabriela by Milevska, Ana and Ghandi, Kamyar for \$1,175,000 on 11/15/21

21 Squire Rd was sold to Adhami, Mirjola and Dragoti, Andrea by Zhang, Weiwei and Wang, Jin for \$1,101,000 on 11/15/21

200 Swanton St #239 was sold to Peggy S Fong RET 2 and Fong, Peggy S by Safiari, Parinaz and Zarrin, Roya A for \$380,000

for 11/16/21

### WOBURN

223 Place Ln #223 was sold to Dawiskiba, Wieslaw and Dawiskiba, Jadwiga by Puzanghera, Paul for \$435,000 on 11/08/21

441 Place Ln #441 was sold to Kara, Alkim I by Melanson, Bryan E and Melanson, Stephen P for \$345,000 on 11/12/21

31 Poole St was sold to Rossetti, Marco M by Goods, John B and Thomas, Brittany A for \$565,000 on 11/10/21

9 Reed St was sold to Doherty, Timothy M by Doherty Estelle M Est and Doherty, John B for \$545,822 on 11/10/21

295 Salem St #54 was sold to Thakral, Yatin by Barbara L Welther NT and Welther, Barbara L for \$503,000 on 11/09/21

63 Sturgis St #2 was sold to Seegers, Meili by Phelan, David J and Mclellan, Jennifer for \$598,000 on 11/12/21

2 Surrey Rd was sold to Franco, Michael and Franco, Gia M by Jean M Franco RET and Franco, Jean M for \$500,000 on 11/09/21

2 Inwood Dr #3001 was sold to Johnson, Marc O by 3 T Realty Corp for \$577,000 on 11/15/21

10 Lafayette Pl was sold to Melite, Jacob A by Maurice W Finn FT and Finn, M William for \$700,000 on 11/15/21

1041 Main St was sold to Migmar, Tenzin and Dolma, Tsering by Caulfield, Eileen for \$575,000 on 11/15/21

254 Main St #254 was sold to Sarao, Lynne by Flynn, Meghan R for \$335,000 on 11/15/21

1 Mount Pleasant Ct was sold to Desir, Fenemy and Exantus, Yolene by Pike, Marianne B for \$685,000 on 11/15/21

100 Progress Way was sold to ULF 100 Progress LLC by Dicenso Wilmington LLC for \$16,600,000 on 11/15/21

295 Salem St #88 was sold to Glynn, Elizabeth L by Truong, Kimberly A for \$255,089 on 11/16/21

78 Washington St was sold to Freedom RT and Capelo, Joe by Crown RT and Malden, George K for \$550,000 on 11/15/21

### LYNNFIELD

4 Lowell St was sold to 4 Lowell St Redevel LLC by Manley, Cynthia M and Manley, John B for \$1,300,000 on 11/15/21

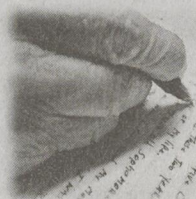
767 Walnut St was sold to Wells Fargo Bank NA Tr by Kinnon, Stephen and Wells Fergo Bank NA for \$672,000 on 11/16/21





## Special guest at Wilmington tree lighting

Ho Ho Ho... Santa greets the crowd on the Wilmington Common.  
(Photo: BruceHilliard.com)



## Letter to the editor

### Local family buys meal for veteran and wife

To the editor,  
I would like to thank the Conway family and wish them a very Merry Christmas and acknowledge their kind and unselfish act.

My wife and I were dining at the Cracker Barrel in Tewksbury on Sunday Dec. 5, 2021.

I was wearing my lucky veterans hat which my good friend Ray from Wilmington, also a veteran, gave me, when a young girl and boy with their mom came by our table and said thank for your

service and have a Merry Christmas and said there is a coffee on this and left a receipt on our table.

We said thank you very much and wished them a Merry Christmas and they left. We finished our meal and called the waiter (Justin) over to inquire about our bill and he brought over a receipt and said it was all paid for.

The lady with the two children, who I thought had bought us coffee, had actually paid for our meal.

You can imagine our surprise.

prise.

Now, I returned home from two years overseas with many other veterans of the time in 1970, to a disgruntled country snubbing us and calling us names, it really left my brother and sister veterans feeling ashamed as the whole country abandoned us.

Now, jump 50 years later to the present where the the Conway family actually brought a tear to my eyes, a lump in my throat and made me prouder than ever to be a veteran of our great country. So from all my brother and sister veterans, my wife of 51 years and I want thank the Conway family for their unselfish act showing us that they are still GREAT people out their in this GREAT country of ours.

A proud US  
Army veteran  
George



## Tewksbury Police Log

### Lowell man arrested for assault at local motel

Monday, November 29

8:30 p.m. - Female caller reported an erratic driver in Andover Street and River Road crossing the lines to oncoming traffic. Lowell Police Department notified as they just crossed into Lowell. The plate information was incorrect. Police checked the area, but gone on arrival.

10:10 p.m. - Male caller reported an erratic driver on Main Street. Police sent but gone on arrival.

11:50 p.m. - Caller from South Street reported male came into her store — Mac's Dairy Farm — earlier in the night and took photos of her safe at South Street. Caller had video footage of the male. Officer filed a report.

Tuesday, November 30

3:29 p.m. - Caller reported a motor vehicle was parked

at Davis Road. Owner notified and reported her son had the vehicle and was at his girlfriend's house.

7:19 p.m. - Police reported a neighbor approached them while they were on a separate call to report a possible breaking and entering at Decarolis Drive. Police sent. No breaking and entering; the two parties went to the wrong address.

9:17 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a red Honda Civic was speeding around the Stadium Plaza parking lot. Police sent and spoke to the operator. They filed a report.

Wednesday, December 1

2:28 a.m. - A 911 caller from Motel 6 reported female was hurting herself. Police and the ambulance sent. Ambulance transported one to Saints. Officer filed a report.

11:20 a.m. - The manager from Market Basket North reported a female shoplifter left the store with shrimp and steaks in a Blue Toyota with a partial plate of New Hampshire, last seen heading Clark Road toward Main Street. Police sent. State police department notified. Officer filed a report.

4:08 p.m. - Caller at Oakdale Mall reported someone was cutting down trees behind the building and appeared to be putting it in a red pickup truck. Police sent but they were unable to locate.

5:35 p.m. - A 911 caller reported an elderly male patient that was acting aggressive toward other patients at Emerald Court. Officer filed a report.

7:09 p.m. - A 911 caller reported she was assaulted at Walmart by a female party that she had issues

with in the past. Police sent and filed a report.

Thursday, December 2

1:49 a.m. - Police reported off at Burger King with male party. They sent for backup. Police requested ambulance for foot pain, and they were sent. They went to Saint's hospital and the police filed a report.

Friday, December 3

10:05 a.m. - Staff at Motel 6 front desk called 911 for two males who walked in to the lobby stating that the pimp sent them and they were looking at women. Police sent. Alixander Ayala, 22, of 193 Middlesex St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with assault with dangerous weapon to wit a knife and threat to commit crime to wit murder.

9:23 a.m. - Police sent to Stadium Plaza for recent

ping in the area. Mark Szczesuil, 54, of 1830 Main St. in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with a warrant for threat to commit a crime.

4:07 p.m. - Caller reported an erratic driver at Livingston Street. Caller believed he was on Livingston Street driving toward Walmart. Caller could not provide a better location, and the caller did not want to speak to an officer.

5:26 p.m. - Manager at Extended Stay America reported a former guest came into the hotel and was very upset, and she was concerned for her safety. Police sent. Male was just upset over a payment issue. All units cleared.

Saturday, December 4

12:56 a.m. - Caller reported an erratic operator at Ames Pond Drive that drove through a fence. Police sent. Breezley Ramirez, 22, of 591 Milford, Connecticut, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor, leave scene of property damage, and negligent operation of motor

vehicle.

2:16 a.m. - A 911 call from the Extended Stay America for a group of females threatening the front desk. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

4:13 p.m. - Female caller reported a UPS truck parked in front of DPW unloading packages into a cartoon van. Police sent but they were gone on arrival.

9:25 p.m. - Caller in Cumberland Farms reported a male party wearing all black walking in the roadway. Police sent. The male party was closing the street and the caller was spoken to.

Sunday, December 5

5:41 p.m. - Male caller reported someone attempted to throw items through his windows. He found the items on the ground at North Street. Police sent. They spoke with the caller someone had placed a traffic cone on his roof. He would call back if he saw anyone on the property.



## Wilmington Police Log

### Male party allegedly pulled gun on another man

Friday, November 26:

10:05 a.m.: An employee at Sonny's Mobile on the Run on Lowell Street reported that they had reviewed footage from a previous incident of shoplifting and believed that they had discovered the perpetrator's license plate. They requested that an officer review the video as well, which they did.

8:56 p.m.: AAA North East contacted police on behalf of a party who discovered a dog locked in a grey 2016 Hyundai Santa Fe on Moore Street. Police arrived on the scene and successfully freed the dog from the vehicle.

10:40 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision took place on Federal Street and Middlesex Avenue in which a white 2017 Hyundai Santa

Fe struck a pole, causing traffic lights at the intersection to go out. The vehicle was towed and Reading Light was notified, getting the lights working again shortly.

Saturday, November 27:

8:21 a.m.: A walk-in party at the Police Department on Adelaide Street reported his daughter was missing. Police entered her into the NCIC and filed a formal report.

4:47 p.m.: A caller on Woburn Street reported that their dog got out and was struck by an unidentified vehicle that did not stop. Police spoke to the caller briefly as the dog was taken to the vet and checked the area for any cameras. None were found at houses in the area.

8:33 p.m.: Jacqueline M. Grosvenor of 97 Prospect Ave. in Revere was arrested for OUI - Liquor. This followed a report by a caller at Shell Gas Station on Middlesex Avenue of an apparently intoxicated woman swaying out the counter, repeatedly reentering the store, and giving employees a difficult time. Police had the party's grey 2013 Hyundai Sonata towed.

Sunday, November 28:

6:54 p.m.: Bryan Moran of 30 Hinckley St. in Tewksbury was arrested for Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Leaving the Scene of Property Damage, Possession of an Open Container of Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle, Failure to Stop for Police, Speeding in Violation of Special Regulation, Marked Lanes Violation, Passing Violation, and Intimidation of Witness/Juror/Police/Court Official. This followed a report of an erratic operator in Tewksbury, a chase on foot, and a motor vehicle collision at the intersection of Glen Road and Middlesex Avenue. Bail was set at \$2,540.

8:32 p.m.: A vehicle monitoring company called to report that a black 2016 Range Rover was involved in a motor vehicle collision at Windy City Wire on Research Drive. The vehicle's operator then called and reported they fell asleep and hit the guardrail. No injuries were reported, but the airbag deployed and the vehicle was towed.

9:20 p.m.: Richard J. Towle of 272 Lowell St. was issued a summons for Assault with a Dangerous Weapon. This followed a report by a caller on Lowell Street who stated that a man pulled a gun on him while making an Uber Eats delivery, fleeing and popping his tire.

Monday, November 29:

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2:44 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision took place between a blue 2000 Chevy Silverado and a pole at the intersection of Lowell Street and Main Street. When police arrived, they found no one in the vehicle, but deployed airbags. Mass Highway was notified, as street signs were knocked down as well. Police contacted the operator's mother-in-law and retrieved footage of the incident from Shell Gas Station.

6:49 p.m.: Christopher J. Shea of 47 County Road in Andover was arrested for OUI - Liquor (2nd offense), Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, and Marked Lanes Violation. This followed a stop and towing of Shea's white 2018 Nissan NV on Route 125 Highway and Andover Street.

Tuesday, November 30:

10:58 a.m.: An employee on Concord Street reported that a former client was refusing to leave the scene. However, when police arrived and spoke to the party, they found that they were really just making some phone calls before going.

8:50 p.m.: A caller on Route 62 Highway and Woburn Street reported that they had struck a deer in a motor vehicle collision with their grey 2011 Nissan Murano. No injuries or airbag deployment was reported, but the deer was believed to be dead. Police arrived on the scene and contacted the DPW, finding only minor damage to the front of the vehicle and the deer off to the roadside.

1:01 p.m.: A caller reported an erratic operator in a black 2015 Toyota Camry that was swerving across the street, almost hitting a telephone pole before turning into Market Basket on Main Street. Police spoke to the vehicle's operator, who they found to be unimpaired in reality.

9:32 a.m.: A resident in the area of Cedar Street reported that a school bus was picking up a student and had its red lights on, but that a Broco Oil truck ran by it without stopping. Police spoke to the foreman who checked dashcam footage and addressed the operator.

1:28 p.m.: Wires were reported down on Parker Street, falling on a white 2005 Mack CL700. Reading Light and Verizon were contacted to come to the scene, while the school bus company was advised to avoid the area.

4:02 p.m.: A caller at UPS on Fordham Road reported that they were a manager and that an irate customer was on the phone and threatening workers, saying that they were "coming to get them" in about 45 minutes. The threatening caller was from North Reading. Police attempted to contact the belligerent customer, arranging for a mediated package retrieval at 7 p.m.

Thursday, December 2:

7:40 a.m.: Jacob Alan Fox of 16 Cushing Dr. was issued a summons for Leaving the Scene of Property Damage. This followed a report of a motor vehicle collision between a black 2003 Chevy K1500 and a black BMW 328i on Middlesex Avenue. The Chevy, which had a Christmas tree on top, was reported as having brake issues and was towed. Damage was very minor overall.

8:37 a.m.: Police assisted the fire department with a telephone pole fire on Laurel Avenue. Police discovered that roofing work was being done in the area, concluding that material came down and fell on the wire, setting it loose and the pole on fire. Verizon was notified.

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# Students age 5-11 won't count as close contacts once vaxxed

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coming back soon. He also suggested getting some help from the Board of Health.

One thing Melissa Plowman brought up was she heard that the vaccine clinic the district sponsored didn't go well. She claimed that people who had appointments were made to wait over two hours and hoped that the second dose

might go more smoothly. Brand did address this, saying he was aware of the issues and of similar issues in other communities with the same agency. He said he appreciated the frustration that folks endured.

His other item was an update on the MSBA process for the new Wildwood school. The Wildwood School Building Committee, he shared, planned on rolling

out communications for the next few months before the special Town Meeting to try to glean town support. This would include open houses to show the state of the Wildwood, written communications, and other awareness campaigns. He also thanked the Flutie Foundation for their donation.

After that, Coordinator of Behavioral Health and Social Emotional Support

Christine Murray shared that the district received a continuation grant from DESE for this fiscal year that would go toward PBIS initiatives, professional development, and enrichment programs.

Assistant Superintendent of Administration and Finance Paul Ruggiero shared the end of year report of all of the funds that came in and went out from the

school department. The only new items he called out were additional COVID-related grants. Brand commented about the expertise of Ruggiero to make the report in a way that required no discussion.

"We're incredibly fortunate to have [Ruggiero] at the helm of the finances."

In subcommittee reports, Jay Samaha and Chair Dr.

Jenn Bryson discussed that the Equity Subcommittee would be looking into what an equity audit should look like and what the district would want out of it. They mentioned that other committee members could look online to public audits from other towns or other states for more ideas.

The next meeting will be on Dec. 15th starting at 7 p.m.

## District pushes for transparency regarding staff, school issues

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Youth Risk Behavior Survey results, which showed over one-third of students at the high school and one-quarter of students at the middle school answering that their mental health is not good most of the time or always. The Signs of Suicide results going back to 2019 showed 14.8 percent of 7th graders at that time being in the red zone, and this year 23.8 percent of 8th graders in the red zone.

School Committee member Melissa Plowman asked about how the Signs of Suicide program was administered to students. Murray explained that it was given in health class by a school psychologist and the health teachers, who both have experience. There's also a video shown, she said, with suggestions for students if they're concerned about a struggling family member or friend.

Bousios discussed an increase in counseling supports needed and a shortage of school psychologists. She said that

the department is trying to be thoughtful and diligent about hiring while understanding the needs.

"We have to prioritize what we're addressing first," she continued.

She stressed the importance of utilizing counseling-related resources and being creative with focus to meet the needs at each school. She also mentioned a lack of substitutes and creativity needed to make sure classes are covered and services are provided.

Bousios went on to say that they're doing their best to respond to all of the parent requests for support and referrals reaching out about social-emotional behavior, but sometimes they struggle to figure out what supports are necessary. She said they project to complete more than 500 evaluations this year, and last year they completed 391. Brown-Le Grand clarified this was the highest amount of evaluations on record.

Some of the responses they made to the increase of mental health behavioral needs have been contracting with

BCBAs, adding counselors, using Panorama data to focus lessons in classrooms, utilizing the Social-Emotional Learning and Family Engagement Specialists, offering related professional development, and partnering with the Wilmington Substance Abuse Coalition.

Another point made by Brown-Le Grand was that staff and school administration are living through the same things that students and families are.

M. J. Byrnes suggested trying to partner with Lahey or another local hospital to provide clinical support for students. Murray said that they're always looking to increase mental health offerings and educate staff.

Plowman asked about how staff needs and morale is being monitored.

"My experience is that teachers need logistical support... that they are feeling tapped out on self-care, yoga, or mindfulness," she said.

She also wanted to see the district track students through the years

on their mental health and look into school-based counseling and family engagement for workshops. Chair Dr. Jenn Bryson mentioned on engagement that she would like to see events be tailored both to parents and students and consistently promoted by staff.

David Ragsdale commented that he had perhaps been overly optimistic with full in-person learning making up for what was lost in COVID in terms of connection.

"We need to do everything we can, but we should do so with an attitude of grace and patience."

He recognized that staff have also been through the same stress and trauma that students and families have.

Jay Samaha asked about the district's efforts for emotional behavior dysregulation. Brown-Le-Grand responded to say that there were students in crisis this year who were remote last year or not even on the district's radar.

## WSAC receives funding

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have achievements in increased awareness and education to the community and having conversations on a town level about substance use."

Today, WSAC has expanded its network beyond just substance abuse, moving more towards overall behavioral health. Within this realm, a focus is placed on mental health, trauma, and developmental disabilities, in order to emphasize how these factors can interact together.

WSAC was selected to receive this funding due to its overall mission and goals aligning to that of the Salem Five Charitable Donation Foundation. Both organizations aim to provide programs to educate and provide opportunities for people entering or reentering the workforce or community to encourage and maintain a level of strength and stability.

With this funding, WSAC plans to pilot a 12 month program, beginning in January 2022. Each month, a fun and free event will be partnered with a wellness conversation, activity, or concept. Examples could include a wreath making class with a conversation about self-care, a workout class with a focus on the importance of movement, or a cooking class highlighting the importance of food/diet effects on well-being.

Each event will be held at the same time/day each month, with each session free-of-cost but with a re-

quired RSVP due to capacity restrictions. The Salem Five Donation was presented specifically with the pilot program in mind.

While the pilot program and the implementation of time-relevant programming and resources serve as long-term goals, short-term goals for the WSAC include increasing dialogue and education around finances, budgeting, and life-long decisions which individuals and families need to make while in early recovery from substance use or while supporting a loved one in active use.

Reflecting on WSAC's work throughout the community, Reif emphasized how town-wide collaboration has been instrumental in catalyzing progress.

"Working collaboratively and in harmony is of the utmost importance and is what allows Wilmington's program to be so strong and intentional — we support each other in order to support our community," Reif said.

To learn more about the WSAC, visit their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/WSAC01887> or their website <https://www.wilmingtonma.gov/wilmington-substance-abuse-coalition>.

WSAC is also currently looking for community partners to join the organization. This includes both professional/corporate partnerships as well as community residents. Interested individuals can contact Reif via email at [sreif@wpd.org](mailto:sreif@wpd.org).



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